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More volunteers join 'Operation Hope'

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More volunteers trooped to Kagman Community Center over the weekend to back up federal and local law enforcers in their "Operation Hope" to locate the missing sisters Faloma and Maleina, but there's still no trace of the girls as of press time. **See HOPE on Page 4**

» Still no trace of Faloma, Maleina in massive weekend searches
» More details on one of the girls' school backpack



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Lt. Jesse Mesa, CNMI's search team coordinator, gives instructions to volunteers yesterday at the Kagman Community Center where the Incident Command Post has been put up a day after Faloma and Maleina Luhk were reported missing last May 25 in As Teo.



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Marianas High School teacher James Yangetmai testifies before the House Committee on Education Friday night while some members of the panel look on during the two-hour public hearing at the House chamber. Inset, some of the 24 attendees of the public hearing intently listen to a testimony.

PSS execs, MHS principal snub public hearing

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Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, Public School System human resource officer Charlie Kenty, and Marianas High School principal Craig Garrison snubbed Friday's public hearing called by the House Committee on Education that was looking into issues surrounding the oldest public high school in the CNMI.

Committee chair Rep. Raymond Palacios (Cov-Saipan) expressed disappointment on the "no show" of key people who were expected to shed light on allegations brought to the House committee.

"I am very disappointed that even the commissioner and the HR officer are not here [despite the

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House rejects report on initiative extending private land lease from 55 to 99 years

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By a vote of 9-6 with five absences, the

House of Representatives rejected on Friday afternoon a committee report on a Senate legislative initiative recommending the extension of private land leases

from 55 years to 99 years.

Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), chairman of the Natural Resources Committee which reviewed the legislative

initiative, expressed disappointment over the rejection of the report recommending passage of Senate Legislative Initiative

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Palauan community in CNMI honors elderly

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At 91 years old, Tekereng "Tenten" Sylvester still loves to ride his bicycle, walk, visit friends, and tell stories.

"He's still very active, very independent," CNMI Palauan Community Association youth coordinator Bernice B. Ravell told *Saipan Tribune*.

Sylvester, the oldest Palauan man in the CNMI, was honored at the PCA Youth Club's senior citizens' appreciation dinner at the Garapan Central Park on May 21.

All other Palauan senior citi-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tekereng "Tenten" Sylvester, right, is honored for being the oldest Palauan in the CNMI and for continuing to live an active life at the age of 91, during the CNMI Palauan Community Association-Youth Club's senior citizens' appreciation dinner last May 21.

zens or those at least 55 years old, along with their families and friends, shared an evening of fun, food, cultural dance, and song performances chants and games.

Ravell, during an interview at the *Saipan Tribune* office on Friday afternoon, said Sylvester's message to those present at the event was to always "love one another" and "take good care of your health."

Sylvester, born in Yap, was brought to Palau by his family when he was still 5 years old, said Ravell. He studied in Indonesia and Japan. During World War II, he was an interpreter for

Japanese soldiers because he's fluent in Japanese, Ravell added. After the war, he went back to Palau where he worked for the government as a telephone operator and repair man.

"He moved to Saipan in 1966 and retired as a community worker for the CNMI government in 1987. He also worked for Tasi Tours for 10 years as a tour guide and interpreter. He's now retired and lives in Oleai,"

Ravell added.

The Palauan community also honored Ereong Samil as the oldest Palauan woman in the CNMI. She's also 91 years old. But she was visiting Palau during the appreciation dinner so her daughter Elena Sutton accepted the recognition in her behalf, said Ravell.

Samil, from Peleliu, worked for the Palau government for 22

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Enforcement of laws sought on double license plate law, heavy equipment registration fee

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House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) wants the Department of Public Safety to enforce a 2004 law requiring license plates both in the front and rear sides of all vehicles, as well as a Saipan local law imposing up to \$3,000 in heavy equipment registration fee.

Cabrera said the CNMI has enough good laws but the problem most of the time is a lack of enforcement.

He said there are quite a number of vehicles plying the streets of Saipan with only one license plate number—at the back. But DPS issues only one sticker for the back license plate, and not for the front license plate.

"There's a double license plate law but is not enforced. I will be sending a letter to the DPS commissioner regarding this," he said.

Public Law 14-18, signed in 2004, requires Bureau of Motor Vehicle-issued license plates in the front and rear sides of vehicles. The requirement was meant to greatly enhance the ability of law enforcement offi-

cials to quickly identify vehicles and assist residents to recognize vehicles entering their private property.

Operating a motor vehicle that does not display the Commonwealth number plates is considered a misdemeanor offense, which entails imprisonment or fine.

Cabrera also said heavy equipment registration fee remains similar to that for sedan, for example, despite a Saipan local law requiring a higher fee of up to \$3,000.

"There are lots of laws not being enforced. I also saw two DPS police cars with no signal light. Then there's a pickup truck with 'road test' license plate—for three months," he said.

Discussion on these laws came about after Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) said during Friday's House session that the anti-littering law imposing a \$250 minimum fine for littering should not be reduced to \$25 as proposed by a pending bill.

He said he does not see any gain in reducing the penalty fee.

Dela Cruz did not sign off on the committee report recommending passage of the bill.



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79 govt officials face \$10 daily fine over non-filing of financial statement

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One elected official are among the 79 government officials now facing a \$10 daily fine for fail-

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years. She was supervisor for the Peleliu Elementary School's cafeteria.

"She likes gardening, and loves to plant tapioca. She's also very independent. Her message to others was to always remember God and to love and respect one another," said Ravell.

Ravell said the Palauan Community Association officers, led by president Rufino Aguon and the PCA Youth Club officers and advisors, are thankful for those who made the event successful and memorable.

On March 26, the Palauan Community Association also sponsored the 2nd Annual Palau Youth Day at the American Memorial Park.

"It was a good event to help empower the youth," Ravell said, adding that it was also a day of games, fun, and festivities.

ing to meet the May 31 deadline to file their 2010 statement of financial interest with the Office of the Public Auditor.

For every single day that the financial statement is not filed, each of the late filers will be charged an additional \$10.

By today, that penalty is already \$60 and will continue to

increase until the day of the filing.

Public auditor Michael Pai said during the weekend that of the 391 government officials required to file a statement of financial interest, "only 312 filed on or before May 31st and 79 have not filed their Statement."

"Of the 79, one elected offi-

cial has not filed a Statement. OPA urges all individuals required to file a Statement to do so as soon as possible. A penalty of \$10 per day will be charged to late/non-filers beginning June 1, 2011," Pai said in a response to *Saipan Tribune's* email inquiry.

The public auditor, however, did not disclose the identity of the elected official who is among the non-filers.

In late April to early May, the Department of Finance secretary initially certified 348 government officials as among those required to file a statement

of financial interest.

But the public auditor said Finance has since certified an additional 43 reporting individuals, bringing the total number of required filers to 391.

The 79 late filers comprised 20 percent of the total number of required filers, and the other 80 percent beat the final deadline of May 31.

The initial deadline to file was May 2. However, there's a 30-day grace period before a daily fine is imposed.


Of the 348 original number of required filers, 84 officials—including six elected—failed to

file by May 2.

Under 1 CMC Section 8511 of the Government Ethics Code Act, all elected and appointed Commonwealth officials, judicial officers, and executive department heads or directors are required to file a Statement of Financial Interest.


The statement includes government officials' income, and financial interests in real estate, among other things.

Unlike many other jurisdictions, CNMI law does not make public financial statements. The assets and liabilities of elected officials are not readily available for public inspection. OPA can only release the documents with consent from the filer.



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Characteristics: Circle birthmark left cheek
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17-4, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1.

Palacios said it does not make sense that the CNMI, which tries to lure investors to help its economy, does not even want to extend the number of years that foreign investors can lease private lands.

"The intent is to raise it (lease) to 99 years so we don't have to bother with Article 12. Palau has already increased its leases to 99 years and their economy is better," Palacios said during the session.

House speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan) and Rep. Trenton Conner (R-Tinian) echoed Palacios' sentiment.

"We need 99 years to get investors. Those investors who started leasing

private lands in 1978 or so, now only have less than 20 years left. Some of them cannot make a decision whether to make \$1-million or \$2-million renovation on the property knowing that their lease would expire in less than 20 years," he said in an interview.

Cabrera, Conner, and Joseph Palacios were among the six House members who voted "yes" on the adoption of Standing Committee Report 17-77. The others were vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), and Rep. Raymond Palacios (Cov-Saipan).

Those who voted "no" on the committee report were floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan), Rep. Fred Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), Rep.

Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Ray Tebuteb (R-Saipan), Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), and Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan).

Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) was present during the roll call at the start of the session, but left the chamber before the voting on the adoption of the committee report.

Four members were excused from the session: Rep. Froilan Tenorio (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Teresita Santos (Ind-Rota), Rep. Tony Sablan (R-Saipan), and minority leader Diego Benavente (R-Saipan).

Tebuteb said yesterday that his objection to the report was mainly because of his opposition to a legislative initiative to make changes to the constitution. He said he prefers that extending the private land lease be done through a popular initiative which has

a higher voter approval threshold.

"I believe if it's through legislative initiative, you only need simple majority of votes, but popular initiative will need two-thirds or three-fourths which is a higher threshold. I think that's much fair than simple majority," he said.

Camacho, for his part, said he voted "no" on the committee report "because there is no need to change Article 12."

"Article 12 is in place to protect the cultures and traditions of Northern Marianas descents. And as a legislator, it is my duty to protect such cultures and traditions. Article 12 is not created for financial gain," he said.

The committee recommended only the extension of private land leases from 55 to 99 years, but not a change in the definition of a Northern Marianas descent corporation.

The panel said the initiative should have only one subject, and not two.

SLI 17-4, introduced by Sen. Luis Crisostimo (Ind-Saipan), seeks to revitalize major investments in the CNMI, and revive the real estate market that will in turn benefit landowners, real estate brokers, and investors.

The speaker said because it was only the committee report that was rejected and not the initiative itself, members

from the House or Senate can still introduce a similar initiative.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, when asked for comment, said the Fitial administration supports policies that are aimed toward enticing investors to do business in the Commonwealth.

When asked whether the administration recommends reconsideration, he said "this may be a possibility."

"But it is something that the governor and lieutenant governor will be taking under advisement. The economic challenges we are facing are as real as it gets. Thus, we need to rise above the status quo," Demapan said.

Over the years, proposals to extend permissible term for private land leases in the CNMI have been unsuccessful. The proposals included extending it to 77 years or 99 years.

Foreign nationals can own land fee simple in Guam, Hawaii, and the U.S. mainland. Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia offer 99-year leases for both public and private lands.

"Investors would rather go to areas where they can lease lands for a longer period of time. So Palau would have an advantage over the CNMI," Conner added.

PSS

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panel's invitation]. We were not provided any reason at all except for Mr. Garrison who mentioned about a graduation rehearsal at his school," Palacios told *Saipan Tribune*.

The two-hour hearing was attended by 24 people in the gallery and received testimonies from seven people, majority of whom are MHS classroom teachers.

Palacios, after hearing the emotional appeals of those who testified against Garrison's leadership style and character, admitted that he was "touched" by the individual stories and at the same time "alarmed" on the possible impact it could have on students and PSS in general.

"One thing I observed today: they were very emotional as they were telling their stories. Just by showing their emotions, maybe their allegations are true. So my plan is to provide all members these testimonies and evidence they presented and we will schedule a meeting next week and we will take it from there. But definitely, we will be recommending something to the Board of Education. However, whatever these recommendations are...it will all depend on what the committee will decide," said Palacios, reiterating the panel's position not to micro-manage MHS or PSS.

"Our hope is they [PSS and BOE] will do something about this problem because if this will continue, students will be mostly affected," he added.

'Arrogant, disrespectful, threat to students'

All individuals who provided oral and written testimonials during Friday's hearing described Garrison as arrogant, disrespectful, and a big threat to students of MHS.

James Yangetmai, who started all the allegations against Garrison and who staged a four-day protest in April, was also the first to address the committee members—repeating all claims against Garrison's character and management practices including "firing" MHS' long-time educators.

Yangetmai, in his almost hour-long testimony, even presented evidence of Garrison's arrogance and disrespect to teachers including recorded videos and conversations with affected individuals.

The disgruntled teacher also accused Garrison of "lying" about the real figures of employees who were

fired and reassigned.

He claimed that MHS currently has a "climate of fear and retaliation" as a result of Garrison's threats. "They have fear of losing their jobs and this is the same reason why they opted not to show [up] today in this hearing."

After reading his multiple-page "testimony," Yangetmai said the commissioner of education failed to intervene and resolve the problems at MHS.

However, Yangetmai admitted that he hasn't filed any formal grievance against the principal when asked by House member Rep. Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan) during the inquiry.

MHS teacher William Rosenburg, who has been at the institution for several years, claimed that Garrison is using "too much power" and made decisions that were not based on proper procedures, and operates without decent restraints.

"If you pissed me off, I am going to fire you! This is a strong statement made by Mr. Garrison. He's using and was given too much power and authority. He made his decisions that are not based on procedures," Rosenburg told the panel, saying that the "grievance policy" of BOE has several exemptions which are personnel issues.

Chemistry teacher Kurt Bohman, for his part, shared how he was affected by the hostile working environment at MHS. He cited several occasions when he witnessed the principal uttering "improper words" to teachers and employees. Bohman only joined the MHS faculty this school year and was hired from off-island.

"I can't explain every occurrence of Mr. Garrison's behavior that he personally affected me but I can explain how I feel. I feel bad every day. I hang my head down low when I go to school. I feel completely useless, disconnected, and unappreciated...If PSS or the commissioner would have done more to stop this issue from getting this far, we wouldn't be here right now," he said, asking the committee to help solve the situation.

Bohman admitted that he was relieved when he got his letter of reassignment "because I could get away from Mr. Garrison."

Robert Peate, a teacher assigned at MHS' alternative education program, was also emotional when he shared his frustrations about the principal, which he claimed was the reason for the delay in the implementation of the program that aims to help students from dropping out of school.

Peate provided to the committee exchanges of emails with the principal indicating the grave abuse of "words" used against the commissioner and other persons. He likened the MHS situation to that of the conflict between South Korea and North Korea. Peate claimed that Garrison disobeyed, in many occasions, the wishes and instruction of commissioner Sablan for the alternative program. Peate confirmed that he's leaving MHS and that he can't tolerate the abuses he sees everyday.

Special education teacher Melissa Duffy was also emotional when she appealed to the panel for help.

"At MHS, it's ego first...not students first," she said, adding that she witnessed how Garrison's "behavior and arrogance" are affecting students. She said the principal not only yells, but also threatened some students.

During the hearing, Rep. Frank Dela Cruz admitted that the panel will pursue the investigation against the MHS administrator.

'Character issue'

For Lumi Bermudes, former vice principal at MHS for four years and now assigned in the Chamorro Carolinian Language Heritage Studies program, said present problems at MHS have something to do with "character issue and how the principal approaches" people.

Bermudes, who admitted being a friend of Garrison, said she cannot tolerate the decisions made by the administrator against some employees whom she described as trustworthy, reliable, and dependable.

She told the story of two support staffers who were accused of stealing school-owned scrap metal and were forced to resign from their positions.

"I find it disturbing because I have worked for many years with these staff. I made my own investigation and I found out myself that these individuals were permitted to get the scrap metal but were later forced to admit that they stole it..." she said, adding that despite Garrison's "findings" that they stole the materials, PSS failed to establish proof that only led to their transfer to another school and not dismissal from service.

A resident from Koblerville also appeared before the panel and asked it to seriously look into the situation at MHS.

"I've been watching him since he was at SSHS...I am concerned because I have children who go to the school. I know he has talent, but I believe Mr. Garrison is not fit to become a principal," added the resident.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

From left, Rep. Rafael Demapan (Cov-Saipan), Rep. Joseph Palacios (R-Saipan), House legal counsel Joe Tajeron, floor leader George Camacho (Ind-Saipan), and Dr. Jack Angello, along with Rep. Sylvester Iguel (Cov-Saipan), seated, during a short session break Friday, when the House rejected on a 9-6 vote a committee report on a Senate initiative extending private land leases from 55 to 99 years.

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Department of Public Safety acting commissioner Ramon Mafnas said yesterday that although they are "depressed" now, they are still hoping to find the girls in what now has become the most massive search for a missing person ever conducted in CNMI history.

Mafnas also disclosed more details on one of the girls' school backpacks that DPS and the FBI on Friday asked the community's help for information.

He said the backpack's right shoulder strap has the word "Faloma" while the left strap has the words "Quitugua Luhk."

The backback is described as being dark purple with writing on both shoulder straps. The brand may be Jansport or similar.

"We continue to investigate. Both the FBI and the CNMI DPS continue to interview people. We are hoping for a sign that will lead to the discovery of the missing girls," Mafnas said.

He said more FBI resources are coming in.

Mafnas said two groups of volunteers—one in the morning and the oth-

er in the afternoon—joined the search in the central and backside of the island yesterday.

"We go to areas that we carefully select," he added.

DPS spokesman Jason Tarkong said that, on Saturday there were 54 volunteers in the morning and 47 in the afternoon.

Tarkong said yesterday, there were 55 volunteers in the morning and 46 others in the afternoon.

CNMI deputy marshal 3 Jess Santos and two other marshals were among the volunteers during the weekend.

Santos said the search on Saturday were in the villages of As Matuis, Achugau, Tanapag, and San Roque, while yesterday's search involved Capital Hill, the Kingfisher Golf Links area, Chalan Piao, and Susupe Lake.

"It's very hot. But people were co-operating," Santos said, adding that the CNMI Marshal is in full support with the law enforcers until the girls are found.

The girls were reportedly last seen last May 25 at 6am as they were leaving their house in As Teo on their way to a bus stop. Police said witnesses spotted the sisters sitting across from the stop sign on a drainage cement slab around 6:10am. Police learned that the two missed their 6:30am bus.

Patient sues CHC, doctor over finger operation complication

A patient has sued a doctor and the Commonwealth Health Center over the failed operation in his finger.

Deng Hong Li sued Dr. Thomas Austin and CHC for breach of contract, breach of fiduciary duty, and breach of covenant of good faith and fair dealing.

Li also sued Austin for lack of informed consent, and breach of loyalty and faithless servant.

The plaintiff, through counsel Robert H. Myers Jr., asked the Superior Court to order the defendants to pay him damages, attorney's fees, and court costs.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to contact Dr. Austin.

Myers stated in the complaint that Li was involved in an automobile accident on May 12, 2007 in which emergency medical services personnel transport-

ed him to CHC for injuries to his ribcage plus bleeding from nose, left hand, and right arm.

A Chinese translator was located and brought to help the emergency room physician while examining Li.

Li was told that he had a fracture to the left little finger and discharge instructions were given as well.

Myers said the emergency room physician referred the plaintiff to Dr. Austin in one to two days.

Plaintiff was given medication and CHC discharged him with instructions to return right away if he experiences worse chest or abdominal pain. He was instructed not to do lifting.

Myers said Li attempted to see Dr. Austin but CHC told him that he was then unavailable or off-island and asked him

to return on May 15, 2007.

Li returned to CHC's emergency room on May 15, 2007 as he was experiencing great pain in his left hand and finger.

Myers said CHC cleaned the wound area of Li's left hand.

The lawyer said that on May 24, 2007, Austin performed an operation on Li's left finger and released him the same day with instructions to return for review in an outpatient clinic in five days.

Before the operation, Myers said, the doctor and CHC did not explain the proposed operation to be done and did not provide him with a Chinese translator.

On May 29, 2007, Li returned again to CHC's emergency room because was then experiencing tremendous pain in his left hand and finger.

Myers said Austin and

CHC just cleaned the wound area of Li's left hand and finger, and instructed him to return in one week.

When Li returned on June 1, 2007 at the emergency room as he was still experiencing great pain in the left hand and finger, Austin was not available or was off-island. CHC cleaned the wound area again and instructed him to return the following day.

Myers said that, on June 4, 2007, plaintiff returned to the emergency room, but Austin was unavailable or off-island. CHC noted an infection and cleaned the wound area. Li was instructed to come back in

one week.

On June 11, 2007, Li returned to the emergency room, but Austin was not available or off-island.

Finally, Austin attended Li on June 22, 2007 and later on June 25, July 2, and July 10, 2007 in which the doctor cleaned the wound.

On Sept. 14, 2007, Li visited the Marianas Medical Center because he was still experiencing tremendous pain in his left finger.

Myers said MMC determined that the left little finger had fused together and informed him that he required

hand surgery to possibly repair the fused finger.

Myers said MMC noted that there is no surgeon at CHC for this type of procedure to fix the fused finger.

The lawyer said Austin improperly undertook to treat Li's injured finger without the informed consent of the patient.

Myers asserted that CHC and Austin breached their duties in that CHC or Austin, or both, failed to adequately inform Li, as the patient, that due to his injury, he was at a higher risk for certain complications of the procedure. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)



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Villegas to launch BizGrowth Challenge

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Long-time business owner, consultant, and instructor Rik Villegas is working on setting the

foundation for a program for existing local businesses that could serve as a catalyst and help turn around the economic situation of the CNMI.

BizGrowth Challenge aims

to provide a challenging and competitive environment that offers tools and training for many struggling business owners by working collaboratively with organizations and experts

that provide businesses with affordable resource to effectively achieve sustainable growth.

It will also recognize owners and managers of top businesses in the community who

develop and apply a simple plan involving proven business principles and methods on a consistent basis to "transform" their businesses and realize targeted goals.

Villegas, in an interview, said the inspiration for the BizGrowth Challenge comes from the recent Gold's Gym Transformation Challenge in which he participated and placed second in the 40 and above male category.

"Ultimately, the local economy is built on the back of our local businesses. With our situation right now, we need a business challenge for all these local businesses to spur our economy," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Villegas, there is now "a sense of urgency" in the Commonwealth to undertake the BizGrowth Challenge.

"We are looking at more budget cuts in the government and more businesses have already closed down. There is a sense of urgency. The sooner we get started with this, the sooner we can see and benefit from the results," he said.

Villegas said participating businesses in the 12-week challenge will pay \$97 to receive services valued at more than \$1,800, which include a strategic growth plan; customer service articles, reports and training; a BizGrowth symposium; online resource directory; mastermind teams that conduct effective brainstorming sessions; barter network; outsourcing network; and publicity.

Villegas, who is the former director for the Small Business Development Center, said he

has discussed BizGrowth Challenge with business owners and executives as well as key government agency representatives who have all expressed support for the program.

He said he is setting the foundation in the form of a key group or "master alliance" that will institute the BizGrowth challenge.

"It's totally a private push but we will collectively benefit from it. It will spur other activities and events by planting the seed to get the ball rolling for economic growth and help spur other activities and events," he said.

According to Villegas, the program will be unveiled during the BizGrowth Challenge Launch which is a symposium slated for June 22 and 23 at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Villegas said the symposium will offer specific group training sessions that are relevant for both existing businesses and interested investors or entrepreneurs.

"We want to provide as much resources as these businesses need and encourage investors to start their own businesses," he explained.

What differentiates the BizGrowth symposium from other business and economic growth efforts, Villegas said, is that it will utilize and employ tools, follow through, metrics and accountability even after the event to make the challenge a success.

"We just want to show the skeptics that there's more that we can do in our situation. There is still hope," added Villegas.

To join the BizGrowth Challenge or for more information, contact Villegas at 321-7458 or email RikVillegas@gmail.com.



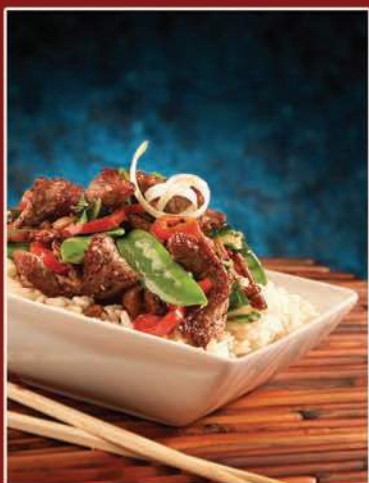
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HONOR SOCIETY OFFICERS

The National Honor Society in Kagman High School recently held its elections. The 2011-2012 officers are, from left, Akieko Dela Cruz, president; John Camacho, vice president; Ronnie Camacho, secretary; Vicorylie Quijano, treasurer; Patrick Camacho, parliamentarian; Peter Camacho, historian. Mrs. At left is advisor Lizbeth Hofscheider.

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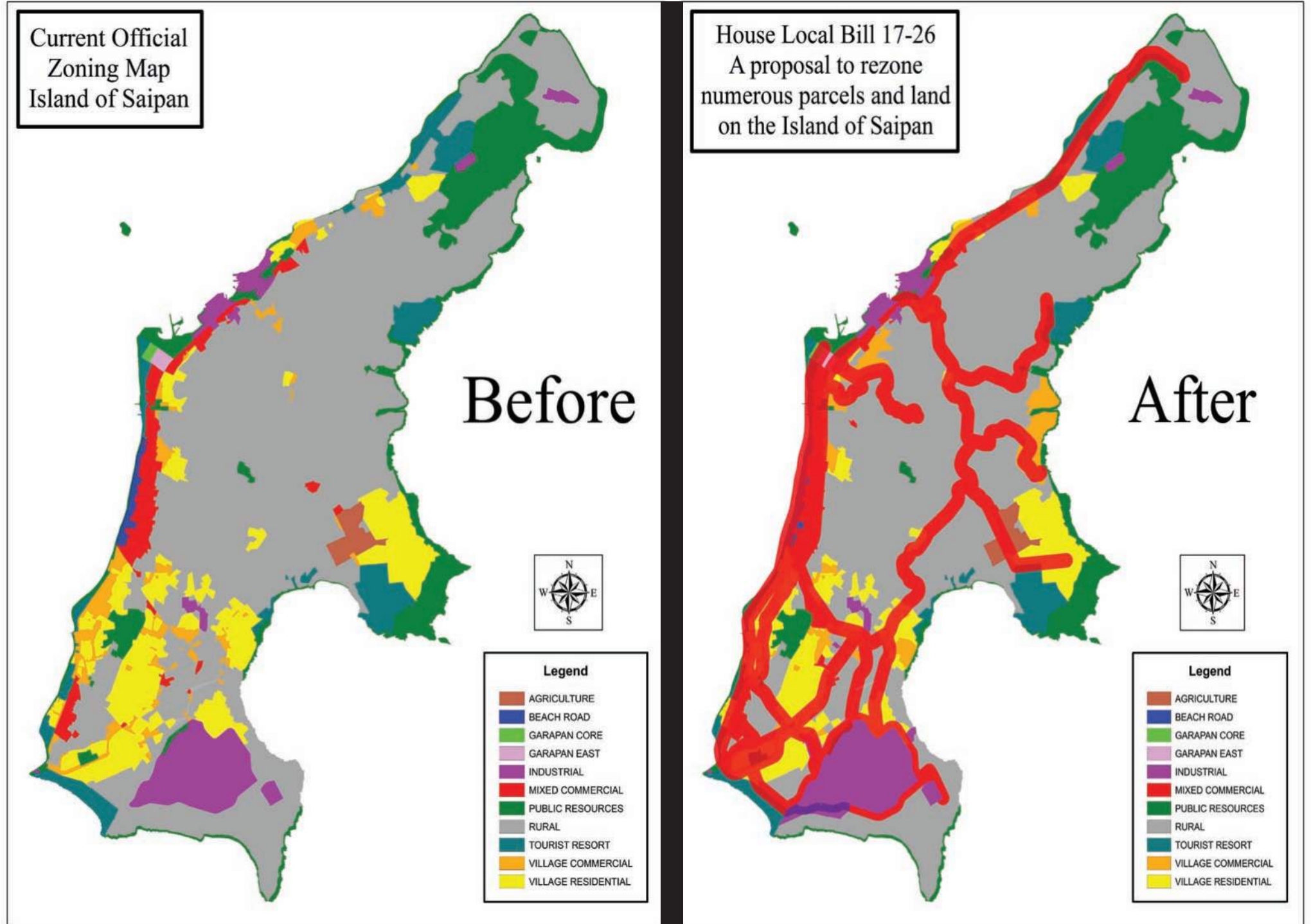
BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

NOTICE OF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission will conduct a special business meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Monday June 6, 2011 at the NMIRF [Retirement Fund] Conference Room on Capitol Hill to consider the following agenda. Public attendance is welcome. Reports and other documents relevant to the agenda will be available at the meeting for public inspection. Questions regarding the agenda should be referred to the law office of Robert T. Torres, Esq. Plata Drive [Whispering Palms] Chalan Kiya - 670-234-7859/5750.

AGENDA

1. Call to order - quorum
2. Approval of minutes of the April 15, 2011 meeting
3. Docket 09-1 - CUC Electric Division. Consideration of stipulation between CUC and Georgetown regarding the proposed electric base rate increase in furtherance of proceedings conducted during the April 2011 regulatory session.
4. Administrative business:
 - Commission authorization to conduct business
5. Other business



Notice: Proposed changes to the Zoning Map and Law of Saipan.

The map to the left represents the current zoning for Saipan, and the map to the right represents the changes to the zoning map proposed in House Local Bill 17-26. The primary difference is the addition of mixed commercial areas along the paved roads, 600 feet in each direction from the roadway. Uses in mixed commercial areas would include factories, prisons, nightclubs, carnivals, gas stations and automotive repair, among others. This change would also expand the area in which poker parlors are permitted. In addition, 17-26 would rezone certain specified neighbors as shown on the map on the right.

HLB 17-26 also greatly expands the uses permitted in rural areas, to include all of the uses mentioned above except nightclubs. All of these uses would also be permitted in public resource areas, with the exception of gas stations. The public resource zone consists of national parks, CNMI parks, beaches, and cultural areas, such as Mt. Tapachao and Last Command Post.

Hearings will be held on the following dates, with translation for Carolinian and Chamorro speakers as needed.

- 6/6/11 Garapan Elementary School at 6:00pm.
- 6/7/11 Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (San Roque) at 6:00pm.
- 6/8/11 Kagman Community Center at 6:00pm.
- 6/9/11 Joeten Dandan Building - Zoning Office at 6:00pm.
- 6/10/11 San Vicente Elementary Monday June 13th, 2011 Dandan Elementary School at 6:00pm.
- 6/13/11 Dandan Elementary School at 6:00pm.
- 6/14/11 Koblerville Youth Center at 6:00pm.

Please see the Zoning website www.zoning.gov.mp or call 234-9661 for more details.

THE COMMONWEALTH ZONING BOARD

Low salary hinders CPA from hiring attorney and engineer

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Ports Authority is operating without a staff attorney and a staff engineer for the past several months, a problem the agency attributes to unattractive the salary packages to qualified candidates.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, CPA executive director Edward Deleon Guerrero said that after the non-renewal of staff attorney Jose Bermudes' contract in December 2011, management has yet to find a replacement due to low salary offer.

The agency, he disclosed, has also been looking for a staff engineer for more than a year now but has failed to get one onboard.

Saipan Tribune learned that Bermudes was paid \$70,000 annually until his departure six months ago.

To aid the agency in legal matters, CPA is tapping the services of Robert Torres, which is being paid a retainer's fee.

"If we can't get our needed staff attorney, we will try to get one more for a retainer's fee to meet the load we needed. For the staff engineer, we're still

looking until now," he admitted.

Deleon Guerrero said CPA had announced the engineer position three times already, but failed to get an applicant. A re-announcement for the post was approved anew.

The ports authority offers only up to \$70,000 annual pay for a staff engineer, an amount the executive director described as unacceptable to applicants.

However, the lack of two important positions is not hampering the operation of both airport and seaport activities because of established quality control, according to

the executive director.

During Friday's special meeting, board member Benigno Sablan expressed concern on the unfilled key positions saying that these posts are among the concerns raised by the Federal Aviation Administration which provides funding for all airport projects and developments.

Sablan cited the importance of meeting the requirements of debt service ratio for both airport and seaports.

Deleon Guerrero, meanwhile, said that the ports authority—despite financial challenges—will keep the 80-hour work schedule for its employees until the end of fiscal year in September.

Deleon Guerrero said the agency has established cost-saving measures and policies including curtailing expenditures in all areas except for personnel.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

June 6, 2000

Group to study hate crimes in the CNMI

A locally-chartered private organization has disclosed plans to undertake a study on hate crimes in the Northern Marianas. Ayuda Network, Inc., an alliance of the Northern Mariana Human/Social Service Providers, is determined to measure the extent of crimes brought about by certain biases in the local setting through information gathering and intensive discussions. "We have to be aware of the bias out there," said Ayuda Network Inc. Executive Director Konrad Reyes. According to Mr. Reyes, hate crimes especially in a multi-cultural territory like the CNMI is also an existing concern.

Bill setting aside money for recycling gets DEQ boost

Division of Environmental Quality Director Ignacio Cabrera has expressed support on a proposed measure which will designate a portion of the existing Beverage Container Tax for recycling efforts to be carried out by the Division of Solid Waste Management of the Department of Public Works and DEQ. A five percent surcharge on all soft drink and alcoholic beverage containers assessed under the CNMI Beverage Container Tax directly goes to the CNMI General Fund for unspecified purposes. House Bill 12-041 would direct 50 percent of all moneys collected from the existing Beverage Container Tax for DSWM's use to support a beverage container recycling program. "We feel that targeting a portion of these funds for recycling is an appropriate use of the taxes collected on incoming containers and will provide the necessary funds to operate the program," Mr. Cabrera said.

June 6, 2001

NMHC plans to sell Section 8 homes

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation plans to pre-qualify people already living in Section Eight Houses so it could sell them the units by the year 2004. NMHC Chair Juan S. Tenorio said the housing authority plans to abandon Section 8 Housing by 2004 and concentrate more on the federal voucher program where the NMHC rents houses for locals.

Tenorio inferred he would rather see NMHC funds channeled to the voucher program rather than compete with private enterprise. He said such a plan would provide much needed money to the cash-strapped apartment and condominium sectors. As such NMHC would also be helping the government indirectly by way of the taxes and other levies assessed from businesses.

PSS losing staff

A staggering 20 percent of the Public School System's teaching faculty are expected to leave the system this year. It may mean that PSS may not be able to regain lost staffing if funding woes persist. PSS employees exiting the system is numbered at 80, comprised of teachers that have decided to resign and retire. A portion of the total number consists of staff that the PSS administration has opted not to keep due to poor job performance.

Meanwhile, an additional 35 teachers are also up for transfer within the system in anticipation of the opening of new school campuses in December 2001.

June 6, 2002

Govt cooperation sought to help BoS

The government and its agencies will be grossly impacted by the Bank of Saipan's insolvency problem, in addition to a possible lawsuit that may be slapped against the Commonwealth Development Authority, which is seen to aggravate current economic conditions in the CNMI. In a letter to Policy Consultant to the Governor Adam Turner, BoS trustee David J. Lujan urged the government and major players to cooperate in solving the bank's insolvency problem. "All parties must cooperate honestly and openly because this is the only way the bank can be kept solvent; it is the only way the government can hope to recover its deposits fully," said Lujan.

CUC: Balancing service and survival

Any revisions in the regulations governing the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. must balance customer concerns with the firm's fiduciary responsibility to properly manage itself and ensure self-sufficiency. The utility firm acknowledged, however, that there are some areas that could be revisited and considered for amendment, such as extending interest on security deposits to residential customers. This came soon after Rep. William S. Torres raised several concerns with the utility firm, particularly on issues surrounding security deposits, security deposit adjustment and interest, disconnection and reconnection, among others.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-039

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Closing Date: 06/16/2011, 10:00 AM (ChST)

Please register for the complete Scope-of-work and Project details at CUC website: <http://cuccnmi.net> **PROJECT COMMENCES IN JUNE, 2011.**

/s/ ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



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INVITATION FOR BID

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NMHC IFB 2011-008 (A thru F) "REHABILITATION OF THE SIX (6) FIRE STATIONS"

Proposal packets for each project (A thru F) will be available on June 6, 2011, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Seventy-Five Dollars (\$75.00) is required for each set per project. Payment shall be by credit card, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

Project	Packet Fee(s)
NMHC 2011-008 (A): Susupe Fire Station – One	\$75.00/each set
NMHC 2011-008 (B): Garapan Fire Station – Two	\$75.00/each set
NMHC 2011-008 (C): Rota Fire Station	\$75.00/each set
NMHC 2011-008 (D): Koblerville Fire Station – Four	\$75.00/each set
NMHC 2011-008 (E): Kagman Fire Station – Five	\$75.00/each set
NMHC 2011-008 (F): San Roque Fire Station – Six	\$75.00/each set

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 14, 2011, at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan, and all interested bidders will be given the opportunity to walk through the proposed project sites, familiarize themselves with the required work and ask questions regarding the project immediately following the Pre-Bid Conference. For the Rota Fire Station, site visit will be scheduled on Wednesday, June 15, 2011 – 1:00 p.m. Attendance at this conference and site visit are considered essential to the bidders' understanding of the project elements and a company that does not have a representative in attendance at the pre-bid conference will be considered as a non-responsive bidder.

This project is funded by a grant from the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), under its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

/s/ Marcie M. Tomokane
Board Chairwoman & Contracting Officer

/s/ Herman S. Sablan, Director
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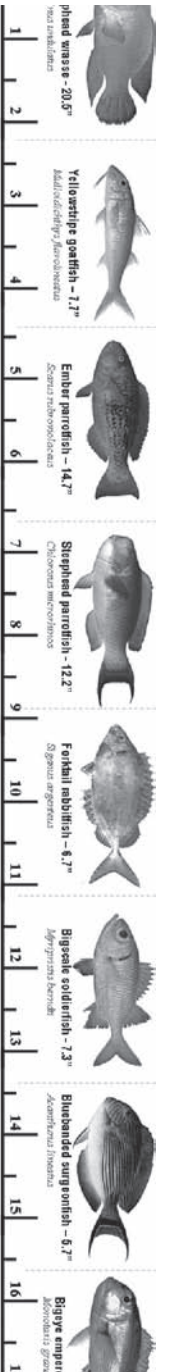
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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-010

Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from utility billing software development firms, for the Purchase of Utility Billing Software and preventative maintenance tracking software for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The work includes a needs assessment; training; project management; data conversion; and application. Deliverables may include a quotation for equipment to support the project and a performance report.

The bid package & specification will be e-mailed upon request, to all interested offeror, by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **June 03, 2011 at 11:00 AM (ChST)**, at CUC Main Conference Room No. 10, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **June 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on June 06, 2011 to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Charles Warren, Chief Financial Officer via email address charles_warren@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation Office of the Executive Director



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS CUC-RFP-11-010

Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System ADDENDUM NO. 1

May 26, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System:

- One (1) original and Five (5) copies** must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-010, Supply of Utility Billing, Financial and Payroll Computer System" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **July 07, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

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- Scope-of-Work, Page 26, at letter c:** "Considering the SO 1 requirements which CUC must meet, an aggressive schedule for the design and execution of the project is required four months after the Notice to Proceed. Does the Proposed schedule meet this requirement?" AMENDED AS FOLLOW: "Considering the SO 1 requirement which CUC must meet, an aggressive schedule for the design and execution of the project is requested."
- Scope-of-Work, Page 5, section 2. Introduction:** AMENDED AS FOLLOW: "Systems must be in place and operational by: As soon as possible".
- Appendix C** is not required, as price is part of Appendix B. Appendix C stricken from appendices.

ABE UTU MALAE
Executive Director

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An opportunity for Honduras

Nearly two years after former Honduran President Manuel Zelaya was ousted in a military coup, he returned home Saturday. His arrival clears the way for the Organization of American States to reinstate Honduras, which had been expelled from the group, during a special session Wednesday.

Zelaya's return and Wednesday's expected OAS vote mean Honduras will no longer be a pariah in the hemisphere, which rightfully condemned the coup. But it would be a mistake to conclude that the crisis in that country is over. Violence and economic and political isolation persist.

Zelaya was forced into exile on June 28, 2009, after he pushed forward with efforts to revamp the country's constitution despite Supreme Court opposition. After his predawn ouster (during which he was hauled off to the airport in his pajamas), abuses and attacks against journalists, human rights groups and political activists increased, according to Human Rights Watch. Ten journalists have been killed since 2010, two of them shot last month. The government has failed to provide adequate resources to investigate those and other human rights crimes.

Moreover, overall public safety remains elusive. Honduras is among the three most violent countries in the world, excluding nations at war, according to the United Nations Development Program. Much of that violence is fueled by transnational gangs and organized crime, including Mexican drug cartels that now operate in the country.

Zelaya's return is important because it demonstrates the region's intolerance for military coups, which were once common in Latin America. But much more is required.

For starters, the Obama administration, which played too weak a role during the constitutional crisis, now has a chance to help Honduras move forward. The White House condemned the coup and in 2009 cut off nearly \$33 million in aid, including \$11 million in security assistance, but it has failed to call on Honduran leaders to crack down on human rights abuses. And it played no role in negotiating Zelaya's return. Colombia and Venezuela brokered the agreement in a rare show of diplomatic unity.

The U.S. should restore assistance to Honduras, a desperately poor country. But it should also press Honduran leaders to respect human rights and to crack down on the targeted killings.

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And the leader shall lead us!

Scrolling through the pages of history, I have run across numerous stories of countries on the verge of desperation and defeat but were saved or uplifted by a leader. When all else was failing, this individual somehow was able to turn a nation around by uplifting its citizens to great heights. This has always captured by imagination. What are the qualities of such a man or woman in which a person can so create a miracle? Do we have such persons among us today that can lift up our spirits and lead us?

If we better understand the qualities of such a person, we might find one or two of them right in our own country. Heaven knows we certainly could use a few of them right now. So let's discuss the qualities of true leadership.

Exactly what is leadership? Leadership is someone who directs and motivates other people to perform or accomplish acts that they would ordinarily not perform because of despair or fear. Through his words and/or actions he organizes a group of people to achieve a common goal.

Martin Luther King, Jr. tells us: "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a molder of consensus."

Where do we find these leaders? They are to be found in our family, workplace, church, social groups, government, sports, everywhere! These individuals somehow realize a need and are willing to sacrifice their personal goals and instead give of themselves to the cause they feel that needs correcting. LEADERS ARE MADE NOT BORN!

I came across the following traits that all leaders possess:

1. The leader is his own best teacher. He seeks out what he feels he needs to know and then formulates a plan of action.
2. The leader realizes that he can learn anything he wants to learn by persevering.
3. The leader is willing to accept responsibility for all his actions. He never tries to blame anyone. He never is arrogant. He is willing to listen to other opinions.
4. He realizes that true understanding comes from reflecting on his/her own experiences. He understands his strengths and weaknesses.
5. The leader is constantly undergoing self-evaluation. He needs to be feel sure in his endeavor. He also is willing to share any credits given to him.
6. The leader feels a love or passion for wanting to improve his surroundings and that of his fellow citizens. He possesses drive, competence and integrity.

Let's search for these qualities within ourselves. We all possess them but must bring them out. We, as leaders, are capable of making changes that will improve our lives.

The leader in us must desire a change for the better. We must strive to create changes. We start by realizing that change is the only reality we have. Everything we possess, everything we do, everything in the universe changes. Nothing is static—not even death.

Realizing this true fact, the leaders begin to make the necessary changes for improvement. We, as potential leaders, begin with dreams of what can become if we strive hard enough to accomplish them. For the next few paragraphs I will discuss what I would do if I were a leader of our beautiful home—these islands. Compare your dreams for us with mine.

If I were a leader I would begin with the hope that someday when I drive down the roads and see construction work, I will recognize the workers as our local people. It will be us with the hard hats driving the heavy equipment and actually doing the work. When any building is being constructed, it will be done by our citizens. Not

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non-resident workers!

I would push for the day when I walk into a hotel I will see our local people behind the front desk. My luggage will be carried by a local employee. As I am taken to my hotel room, my key will be given to me by a local employee. Later when I enter the restaurant, my food will be cooked and served by a bevy of local employees.

Simply put, I would push to make our citizens the capable workers in our islands. I would ardently strive to train them to become professional and trained employees. If I were a leader this would be my first and most important order. I would motivate our people to learn a trade or a profession. I would press our people to be workers with pride regardless of the type of work they do. I would strive to get them off the food stamp addiction.

If I were a leader my next task would be to motivate the farmers to till their land. We are blessed with highly fertile soil, but alas, we let it lie fallow. Instead we prefer to import our food and export our money. Why? What a shame!

In addition, we are blessed with a beautiful year round growing season. Also just a few miles below us is Guam. What a huge market awaits! But again we fail to see it and instead lament that we are slowly dying economically. I would push to get into that market.

If I were a leader, I would go into every village pleading and prodding each of us to plant and harvest the bountiful yield. Then I would assist the farmers to market this harvest both locally and export. Think of the improved changes both mentally and economically as we grow and sell the fruits of our labor. Didn't your fathers and grandfathers do the same?

If I were a leader I would walk among us reaching out to soothe the pain we all feel in these despite times. I would sit and break bread with each of us and ask for your forgiveness because I cannot resolve the dilemma we find ourselves in. I would attend the village public hearings and sit and listen to your concerns. I would become fully immersed in our daily life. I would hold periodic media discussions to explain what is happening to us and what your government is doing to improve our lives.

If I were a leader, I would urge all of us to create endeavors that would show the Federal government that we are helping ourselves but need a little help from them also. How can they refuse us when they see us working hard to improve our economy instead of just standing with our hands outstretched?

On of the most important tasks I would do if I were a leader is to remedy immediately the high cost of utilities and water. The high price of electricity is giving a crushing blow to personal households and businesses. Is it any wonder that many old businesses are closing and very few new ones are starting up?

As I have repeatedly mentioned we have acres of diamonds under our feet but do not see them. Instead we sit and lament how badly

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Teaching Chinglish

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English is a glocal language, global in scope and local in application. China adopted it as its second language, and at the current rate of University attendance, the Middle Realm will become the largest English speaking country in two decades, even probably in one.

The purist amongst us wants Sino students to speak their English the way ANZ, Britain and America uses it, constantly correcting students in their use of Chinglish that follows thought patterns tailored to the balancing and relational yin-yang of the Putunghua than the iterative objective-reflective-interpretive-decisional continuum of dialectical thought. Put simply, English thinks words have a one-on-one correlation with objective reality, aspires for precision of facts and clarity of truth, while the language of the Han is more focused on nuances and the intentional avoidance of conflict and discord, fact being subservient to accord in communications. One never gets “No” to answer a question.

Mao Zedong's oft-quoted saying to students, hao hao xue xi, tian tian xiang shang, translated as “good good study, day day up,” in the order of “first come, first serve,” is not altogether incomprehensible. It is often derided and denigrated as a bad example of Chinglish. I see it differently.

Spelling Bee champ Sukanya Roy recalled cymotrichous (wavy hair) to continue the fourth consecutive triumph of a South Indian American in English spelling. This week being the onset of Pentecost in my tradition, we use perichoresis as a description of the triune god “dancing around” like Sufi swirling Dervis. It is most unlikely that Sukanya will ever use her term again, and it has been 40 years since I used mine.

So I tell my students to use Chinglish especially since their study of ESL began at the writing and reading end rather than the natural listening, repeating, and speaking beginning we all start with in acculturating to native tongue. We teach Oral English at Shenyang Aerospace U and it is clear that students do not need more sessions about the subject, rather, that they have a chance to converse and discourse the vocabulary they previously learned, regardless of syntax that mirrors their thought patterns.

Crisis of confidence is, however, the first obstacle in the learning process. The tyranny of “face” is honed in the giving of right answers to questions posed, a trait learned in studying for tests since first grade. Chinese children play and frolic, learn by experience until they are seven. Then they are ushered to first grade where they are told to sit down, hands on their back when teacher is talking, or on the desk when reading or writing, and admonished neither to talk back nor question the expertise of the teacher. Conceptual terms

crowd memory. I tell students to leave “face” outside of the door. If classmates laugh, that's their problem, not the student's, and thus, can be ignored. Speak out of experience, not fancy concepts, I say.

The second hurdle is the notion that questions have right answers; open-ended questions throw students in a tizzy. They ask their neighbor for assistance (the know-it-all class monitor make it his/her business to intervene when a student is unable to respond), and again, individual learning is trumped by the desire to maintain a good face not only for the individual but for the class itself.

I took my elderly Mom once to a grocery store in Honolulu to get her food supplies. She needed patis, the Philippine fish sauce, which I found in the Viet aisle labeled sauce de poisson in French. My Mom quietly returned it and located a more expensive but recognizably fish sauce bottle. She explained to me later that she did not like the one from Vietnam because it has poison; it says so on the label!

Usage, not vocabulary, communicates. Nor does syntax rule. I begin where students are, and to my delight, they listen to Guns n' Roses, Michael Jackson, Westlife, Toni Paxton, Lady Gaga, Maria Arredondo, et al, while the University p.a. system pipes lyrics from

Linala' Liñguahen Natibu

Sessu malagnos fina' gaseta pot para u mapatañg ya umanala'la' i kumeke faliñgu na liñguahen natibu gi halom resaken modetnu na Marianas. Sessu lokue' mamente “presetbasion” liñguahe yan kultura.

Ti baba i man-sañgan siha na ideu soluke megaiña man-sañgan ke man-chogue. Todu pinetsigen tautau ha tutuhongue' giya hita finenina (self). Kumeke ileghu na i usun liñguahe debi u tutuhongue' ginen halom guma huyuiñg. I dos saina obligau na u fanague famaguon siha hafa liñguahen tanu'.

Usun liñguahe diariu i primera manera ‘nai siña tana’la’al’ hilita natibu. Mas unna’ setbe mas lagse’ hau gi liñguahimu. Para un’ mauleg mañgge’ gi finu’ Chamorro, tutuhon mañgge’ sa’ esta ha’ chachalaña i para un’ fañgge’.

Sumen na’mamahlau i para un’ tuñgoña liñguahen otu tautau ke mismu liñguahimu. Dispues, i Saina mismu managu na para ta onra si nana yan si tata. Yangin satton hau nu siha, pues siempre un’ osge finapos niha kontodu i liñguahe ‘nai mapogsai estake echu hau tautau.

Para mas un’ satton gi hafa liñguahimu, sige kumanta ayu na sunidu “I mañainamu” sino “Ti gi un palasyu”. Siempre adumididi’ kineni’ hau tatte gi hafa sustansian i dos amku gi todus finapos niha estake libre hau tumohge gi dos adeñgmu.

Pasensiaye, ya hita mismu ni mañaina ta impatta gi famaguonta hafa liñguahen niha kumu Chamorro.

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Sumen na’banidosu yangin siña talie’ famaguonta man-mañgge’ fotmat na finu Chamorro. Yangin mana’ guaha leksion pot este pues mas aseguru na siempre u saga i liñguahita gi famaguonta para siempre. Piot ya mana’ tinatiye este aktibidat siha ni para u simientu uson liñguahe, mas fitme giya siha diariu i uson liñguahen niha.

Ithemplun lache na finu Chamorro:

En kuando, kuando, guaha ‘nai hu huñgog konbetsasion gi liñguahita ‘nai ma-usa i lache siha na finu Chamorro. Hu nañgge estake duru i chaleg ‘nai hu fogsie halom hafa i dinanche na palabra.

Pot themplu, ilegña un’ patgon, “They keep ‘taguing’ me to bring more chaser”. Fuera de lache sa’ ha usa finu’ Iñglis, taya’ este na pa-

oldies like the Carpenters, Mamas and the Papas, and classic tunes like Vandelis’ Chariot of Fire. New Chinese singers sing Chinglish versions of their songs (e.g., Mouse loves rice, Butterfly, Betrayal). That helps. I take liberties with popular tunes (if Brahms Lullaby can host ‘baa, baa black sheep,’ and ‘twinkle, twinkle little star,’ it can accommodate ‘mein chow, mein chow’ and ‘vroom, vroom, astronaut’ as well. Walla. Viola. We have singing classes at SAU!

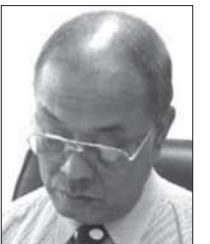
To our funny pilot/economist Ed Stephens and his readers, download one of Teresa Tang’s (Deng Lijun) album and mimic her Yue liang dai biao wo de xin (‘the Moon represents my heart,’ am partial to her ‘pearly shells’), and you will find Rosetta Stone and Pimsleur a breeze, if not unnecessary. (Am with Pimsleur on this one. Putunghua is tonal, best learned heard than read!) Also, when forced to kampei a glass of bi jou, and one karaokes the song after the obligatory dinner, that pretty much seals any future business transaction that follows.

The utility and meaning of a word in any language is not innate in its origin but rather defined in its use, and being organic, English grows. Sino syntax is at the royal Queen’ door. My favorite Chinglish: xie xie very much!

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labra gi fino’ta i “taguing”. Huñgan guaha “tagu” lau ti “taguing”.

Otru palabras siha ni sessu hu huñgog mana’ lache i sigiente, “kumulelegmu”, “kumeke ilegmu”, “punu”, “kumu”; akucha’, achogha’. Guaha lokue’ ayu i mamatinas ha’ palabraña ya mandage na uson i bisinu na isla.

Lau kase i mas-yu’ umaminanasa i uson “Neni” ni oppan gi megai na kantan tautau-ta. Lastima sa’ kinentra este ni un’ gaseta pot mampos bula man-madibubutsia na tiempu. Kulan mayotte gi un’ banda si neni kumu fagas pachot solu.

Guaha ha’ lokue umatrebigue’ mañgge kanta yan lache na finu Chamorro. Unu ilegña, “Hu hanague hau masetan flores neni”. Era, ha sasañgan dibuenamente na hana’ hanaugue i nobiaña masetan flores. Lau i pineduñg palabraña guiyu fumatoigüe i masetan flores.

Guaha lokue umatotga mañge’ “paradisu” i tano’ta siha. I propiu na palabra “paraisu”; pagu “paradisu” finu Español ennuu.

‘An mañgge’ hau kanta, na seguru na dinanche i asunto ni un’ ekspreresia. Muñga mafaisen maisa hau kuestion ni un’ tuñgu ha’ hafa i propiu ineppe. Pot themplu, esta taigüe si neni sa’ hagu tumutuhon inadisgustu; lau un’ faisen maisa hau “hafa-yu’ bai’ chogue”. Rikonose ensegidas i troñkun siboyas gi tatten guma’!

Mauleg na ofisiu mañgge kanta pot tano’ta, tautau-ta, tasi yan finapos natibu. Mauleg lokue’ ta suhaye dididi’ si “neni” ya ta describe i gatbon flores mayu, pañgpañg milag ginen i sabana, guinife gi halom mapagahes yan otu siha asuntun tanu. Chage mañgge’ maseha ti gof fafayimu. Siempre u felis estake lagse’ hau mañgge’. Sen mas, Si Yuus Maase’!

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everything is. If I were a leader, I would create a task force to seek out industries that we could do and ones that would create jobs for us. Believe it or not, there are several good ones waiting for the right leader to implement them.

I would form a task force to monitor daily and frequently visit the Federal government to help us through our federalization. I would assign certain individuals to work closely with the new labor laws being created for us. It is too important to just sit and wait. Least of all, I would not argue but strive to work closely with them.

If I were a leader I would strive to create hope and faith in the future. With faith and hope, we can accomplish the impossible. These are just a few of the things that a great leader would see if his heart were absorbed with the love of his fellow citizens.

How do your plans compare to mine about the improvement of our beloved islands? Are you willing to become a leader? There is so much to do but where, oh where, are our leaders? Please come forth! Don’t forsake our country. REMEMBER LEADERS ARE MADE, NOT BORN!

Letters to the Editor

Sign of the times

While sitting outside McDonald’s, I watched a silver 2010 Lexus roll up and park right across me. A middle-aged couple stepped out and made their way over to the table beside me. As the woman walked pass, I noticed her Coach purse, Gucci sunglasses, and several gold rings as well as necklaces. Her husband was dressed to kill as well, rocking a Rolex while a pair of Rayban’s hung out of his shirt pocket. When they sat down, the man began digging through his pockets, the woman began poking through her purse. They were collecting coins and laying them all out on the table. I could hear them counting quietly. Finally, the man said aloud, “There, \$6. Let’s eat.” Wake up, folks... If this isn’t a sign of the times, I don’t know what is.

Miles King

Via email

Solution for economic woes

We now all know that the CNMI government’s budget is heading no other way than to the deep south direction. If this is the case, then it is time for the lawmakers and the administration to face the reality of the times in that it can no longer sustain the government’s spending needs without reducing the salaries to all employees.

Rather than continuing with the confusion of despair, it is time to really address the cure of the budget crisis. The government should now make a 10-15 percent across-the-board salary cut to all positions it now pays for. This is a simple solution and we could invite the members of the Legislature and the Governor’s Office to check out what is happening in the public sector across the nation. Salary cuts to all positions is the cure to the budget shortfall.






Francisco R. Agulto

Chalan Kanoa

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				
Partly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼77°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°	▲88° ▼78°

Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼82
Palau	Showers	▲85 ▼77
Yap	Showers	▲87 ▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲82 ▼77
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼75
Kosrae	Rain	▲88 ▼79
Majuro	Showers	▲86 ▼77

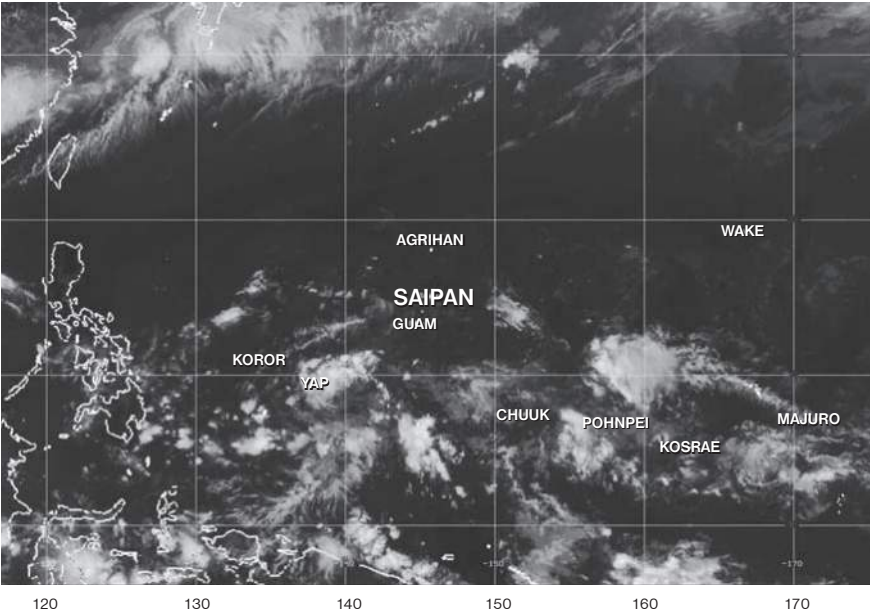
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲64 ▼57
Beijing	Sunny	▲94 ▼68
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87 ▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲84 ▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲65 ▼50
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲69 ▼55
Manila	Thundershowers	▲91 ▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲56 ▼42
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼77
New York	Thundershowers	▲79 ▼62
Osaka	Showers	▲73 ▼66
Paris	Showers	▲73 ▼54
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲72 ▼64
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲81 ▼63
Salem	Showers	▲70 ▼54
San Francisco	Thundershowers	▲54 ▼51
Seoul	Showers	▲82 ▼64
Tokyo	Showers	▲72 ▼65
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼62

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
5:02 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet	
9:32 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
4:56 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends southeastward from 4N130E to a weak circulation centered south of Koror at 2N133E then heads northeastward to end southwest of Guam at 11N142E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near Yap between 9N and 11N from 137E to 143E south of Koror within 130 miles of a line from 5N133E to 6N142E and well south of Guam within 130 miles of a line from 7N144E to 3N146E. Another surface trough reaches northward from 4N157E to 13N158E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found south of Pohnpei within 100 miles of a line from 7N154E to 3N160E. Similar weather is taking place north of Pohnpei between 9N and 13N from 156E to 162E. Trade-wind convergence is generating scattered showers from east of Kosrae to south of Majuro or between 2N and 6N from 166E to 177E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:45 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:46 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:47 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	9:29 AM	10:27 PM
Tuesday	10:25 AM	11:11 PM
Wednesday	11:21 AM	11:54 PM
Thursday	12:17 PM	
Friday	1:14 PM	12:37 AM

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C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	5K389	1:35pm	2:25pm	1, 4, 6
5K382	6:00pm	6:50pm	2, 5, 7	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:30pm	7:20pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:30pm	10:20pm	Daily	C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:00am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5	OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU590	4:30am	7:20am	2, 6	MU589	8:50pm	3:30am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
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C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
DL287/173	6:00am	10:15pm	Daily via NRT	C0890/9606	10:55am	8:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
				OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
C09313/933	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0892/9596	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/893	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/C09596	10:15pm	7:25am+1	6 via GUM
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Guam-Rota				FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily				
Saipan-Rota				Tinian-Saipan			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 100	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
Saipan-Rota				FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
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FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

DESPITE LIMITED SESSIONS

184 students enroll in NMC summer programs

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The Northern Marianas College has registered a total of 184 enrollees for its summer program, which offers limited sessions as a result of budget constraints.

The following are the courses

being offered at the institution for summer 2010: basic microbiology; human anatomy for physics 2; introduction to criminal justice; English comprehension I and II; history of the NMI; pre-Algebra; beginning Algebra; general psychology; and current issues.

According to interim president Lorraine T. Cabrera, these courses are necessary to meet the degree requirements of many of the college's students.

"Although we had to reduce the number of classes offered this summer, the college was still able to offer a variety of courses that allowed students to meet their degree requirements," said Cabrera in a statement to *Saipan Tribune* Friday.

She said NMC expects to offer a "full slate of classes" in the Fall semester.

The Office of Management and Budget had recently informed Cabrera that NMC's budget allotment from the remainder of the fiscal year would be reduced by 7.58 percent, or

about \$340,000. Accordingly, the OMB office requested NMC to adjust expenditure rate for its activities to ensure spending is within the adjusted allocation.

In light of the reduced appropriations allotment from the central government and other projected financial shortfalls, NMC has announced that changes would be made to the summer session schedule to reduce expenses for the current fiscal year. These changes include limiting the number of sessions offered during summer. Usually, there are four different summer sessions: regular summer session, extended summer session, summer session 1, and summer session 2. The revised sched-

ule has one session that will run approximately six weeks long. The schedule changes for the summer does not affect NMC's Nursing program.

Meanwhile, no changes to the Fall 2011 semester have been made and recruitment for the new academic year in August is proceeding as usual.

"Unfortunately, the reduced allocations from the central government has compelled the college to take significant steps in order to avoid a deep budget deficit at the end of the fiscal year," said Cabrera, adding that the revised summer session in no way diminishes the college's accreditation efforts.

Last Tuesday, the institution submitted its supplement-

tal report to the accreditation commission in support of the progress made to the institution as cited in its March 15 show-cause report.

Saipan Tribune learned that from the original budget of \$4.4 million in FY 2011, the amount was cut to \$4.1 million. Effective April 1, projected monthly allotment for NMC is \$315,593 for its personnel cost and operation.

Based on the adjusted allocation, NMC has only \$1.8 million allotment left until end of fiscal year in September. Cabrera earlier disclosed that because of the new reduction, NMC's projected shortfall increased from \$1.8 million to \$2.1 million this fiscal year.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Red Cross general membership meeting set

The NMI Chapter of the American Red Cross will have its general membership meeting next Wednesday, June 8, at 5pm. All Red Cross volunteers, donors, or those interested in learning more about the Red Cross are welcome. The meeting will be held at the Chapter office on Airport Road. Elections will be held for board members and an overview of activities will be discussed. Refreshments will be served. (ARC)

Final MHS Class of 1991 reunion meeting on June 10

The Marianas High School Class of 1991 will be having its final meeting for its 20th reunion. Class members will be meeting on June 10, 2011, at the 13 Fishermen's Pavilion (2nd Pavilion) on Beach Road at 6pm to plan for the reunion. Final collections for banquet fee of \$22 is during the meeting. It will also be the final day for payment for T-shirt orders (small-XL: \$9 or XXL \$9.50). (PR)

Public hearings on Saipan casino bill

The Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation's committees on Judiciary and Government Operation and Ways and Means will be conducting public hearings for House Local Bills 17-44, or the Saipan and Northern Islands Casino Control Act of 2011 at the following locations:

- Monday, June 6, Tanapag Elementary School, 6pm
 - Wednesday, June 8, Dandan Elementary School, 6pm
 - Friday, June 10, Kagman Elementary School, 6pm
 - Monday, June 13, Multi-Purpose Center, Susupe, 6pm
- For copies of HLB 17-44 visit www.cnmileg.gov.mp. Submit

written comments three days prior to the public hearing. Contact the offices of Rep. Joseph M. Palacios (664-8830; rep.palaciosj@cnmileg.gov.mp) or Rep. Ray M. Yumul (664-8826; rayyumul@saipan.com) for further information. (PR)

Kitten needs a home

PAWS has a sweet little male kitten—about 2 to 3 months old—who needs a home. He has been neutered and is healthy. He is waiting for someone to come adopt him at the Paradise Island Animal Hospital. Check out his picture on our Facebook page or on the PAWS website, www.paws-saipan.org. (PR)

OES PTSA meeting on Tuesday

The PTSA officers of Oleai Elementary School would like to inform the parents and guardians of OES students that there will be a PTSA meeting on Tuesday, June 7, at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Everyone is encouraged to attend. (PR)

DEQ sets Obyan Beach cleanup

The Division of Environmental Quality's cleanup brigade will be picking up trash at Obyan Beach on Saturday, June 4, 2011, starting at 8am. Volunteers will split into groups and clean east and west until 10am and break for drinks and then continue, if needed. If you would like to volunteer, meet the DEQ representative at the DEQ parking lot at 8am.

This month, outstanding brigade volunteers who participated in at least 10 monthly cleanups will receive a brigade cap and those who participated in at least three cleanups will receive a green brigade t-shirt. For more information about volunteering, contact the DEQ office at 664-8500/1. (DEQ)

PDM volunteers collect 1,300 lbs of trash



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Volunteers of Paseo De Marianas Promoters, Inc. pose for a group photo before the start of their monthly cleanup Saturday morning. The group collected 1,300 lbs of trash, which were mostly cut grass and beer bottles.

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The trash collected by volunteers of Paseo De Marianas Promoters, Inc. during their monthly cleanup on June 4 weighed 1,300 lbs, their biggest and heaviest trash collection this year.

The group, which holds the monthly cleanup usually every

first Saturday of the month, picked up trash along Coral Tree Avenue to the fire station then Beach Road straight up to ABC Store and the Star Sands Plaza area.

"It was mostly beer bottles and cut grass," Sonia Siwa of PDM Promoters said, referring to the composition of their trash.

Siwa also said that some of the volunteers, composed main-

ly of members of the Saipan Awaodori group and their parents, had to do bush cutting services since the grass in the road islands and surrounding area were already tall.

According to Siwa, they had a total of 24 trash bags that were collected from the trash they picked up.

Saturday's cleanup also involved two 11th grade

students from Saipan Southern High School, Mitsunobu Suzuki and Yuri Song, who chose the activity for their school-required hours of community service.

"We want to thank the Division of Environmental Quality for providing the volunteers with refreshments and cleanup supplies such as trash bags and gloves," added Siwa.

NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

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NMHC IFB 2010-016 (A)

"CONSTRUCTION OF TINIAN MARPO HEIGHT BASKETBALL COURT"

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NMHC IFB 2011-009

"PURCHASING OF FIRE PROTECTION & LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENTS FOR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY FIRE DIVISION SAIPAN"

Proposal packets will be available on June 6, 2011, at the NMHC Central Office in Garapan, Saipan, during regular working hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) Monday thru Friday except CNMI holidays. A non-refundable payment of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) is required for each set. Payment shall be by credit card, money order or cashier's check (payable to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation).

A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at 1:00 p.m. on June 14, 2011, at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan.

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Teregeyo now heads Leadership Memorial Courtyard project

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Former representative Ana Teregeyo is the new committee chair for the Leadership Memorial Courtyard project in Chalan Kanoa.

Teregeyo, together with vice

chair Susana Blas Deleon Guerrero of the CNMI Women's Association and secretary Frances Muna of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council office, officially assumed her new position last May 26.

Teregeyo took over after Indigenous Affairs Office

resident executive director Ignacio "Ike" Demapan relinquished his post. He will now serve as the acting chair for the Credentials Committee.

"I am very happy to be a part of this important community project," Teregeyo said during the committee meeting

on Thursday.

According to Teregeyo, it's about time that women take over on behalf of the men in the committee.

Ramon B. Camacho, Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council chair, said Teregeyo will become instrumental to the

completion of the project.

"I believe that Ms. Teregeyo will perform her responsibilities and fulfill her roles as the new committee chair," added Camacho.

For his part, former representative William Torres said all the male committee members welcome Teregeyo's leadership.

"We look forward to a cooperative relationship between the men and women in the committee," said Torres.

The first Leadership Memo-

rial Courtyard, also known as the Kios-ku project, will be constructed across from the post office and the Municipal Council building as part of the revitalization and enhancement efforts in the traditional capital of Saipan.

The Kios-ku, which means roundhouse in Japanese, is considered an icon of the political transformation of the Mariana Islands District under the United Nations Trusteeship and served as the venue for political gatherings during those years.

Camacho accepted to National Society of High School Scholars

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A 15-year-old student of Saipan Southern High School has been selected as member of the National Society of High School Scholars for demonstrating excellence in academics.

Guadalupe A. Camacho is the daughter of Jeff and Sonia Camacho. She is a junior student at SSHS, which nominated her to become a member of the prestigious society in recognition of her academic achievements.

Camacho is a consistent honor since her primary grade and vowed to continue strive for the best in her high school.

"I feel honored and proud and I am really grateful to my parents for supporting me all the way in my studies. Without their guidance and hard work I will not be able to maintain these academic achievements," she told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday, adding the recognition was unexpected.

The National Society of High School Scholars recognizes top students and invite only those who have achieve academic excellence.

The society's founder and chairman, Claes Nobel, said

he was honored to recognize Camacho.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Guadalupe has demonstrated to achieve this level of academic excellence. She is now a member of a unique community—a community that represents our very best hope for the future," said Nobel, also a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

The society president, James Lewis, said it is the group's vision

to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities.

"We aim to help students like Guadalupe build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community," said the president.

The society was established in 2002 and has more than 530,000 members in 16 countries. Membership to the group entitles qualified students to enjoy a variety of benefits including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, and others.



Camacho

Woman who shatters BF's car window gets three-day jail term

A woman who was charged for throwing a piece of lumber at her boyfriend, shattering the rear window of his car in Garapan during their argument on Valentine's Day, has entered a guilty plea and was sentenced to three days in jail.

Jesmy Nakayama signed a plea agreement with the government and pleaded guilty last Wednesday to criminal mischief.

Superior Court associate judge Ramona V. Manglona accepted the plea agreement and the government's recommendation to impose a six-month jail term on 45-year-old Nakayama, all suspended except three days.

Manglona gave the defendant credit for the three days she already served in jail following her arrest. It means the defendant will no longer serve more jail time.

The judge placed Nakayama on probation for one year and ordered her to pay a \$350 fine, \$100 probation fee, and \$25 court assessment fee.

The defendant was also required to pay restitution to the victim.

The Office of the Attorney General filed an information on Feb. 25, 2011, charging Nakayama with assault with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery, criminal mischief, and disturbing the peace.

For pleading guilty to criminal mischief, the government agreed to dismiss the remaining charges.

The plea agreement stated that on Feb. 14, 2011 on Saipan, Nakayama shattered the rear window of a 1992 blue Toyota Tercel.

Detective Peter A. Aldan stated in his report that Nakayama and her boyfriend had an argument over Nakayama's former boyfriend, prompting her to tell her boyfriend to leave her house at Upper Miha housing in Garapan.

As the boyfriend was backing out his car, Nakayama took an 18-inch long 2X4 lumber and threw it at him twice, hitting the vehicle and shattering the rear window.

The boyfriend got down from the car and ran to Shirley's Coffee Shop where he called police. **(Ferdie de la Torre)**



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations go out to Jerrie Chandell Lao Vales who graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Guam last May 29. Vales is the daughter of Roger and Celia Vales. She will pursue her masters degree in occupational therapy at the University of Illinois this coming August. Joining Vales in the photo are her parents and sister Jamie.

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\$3.3M awarded to Guam for WIA programs

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Congresswoman Madeleine Z. Bordallo last week announced that the U.S. Department of Labor has allocated \$3.3 million to Guam for the Outlying Areas Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Activities Program for 2011.

The Workforce Investment Act provides increased flexibility for state and local officials to establish broad-based labor market systems using federal

job training funds. Its goal is to provide workforce development services to employers and workers through a universally accessible, information-driven, one-stop career center system. The law mandates coordination among a range of federal job training programs, including the Employment Service, adult education and literacy programs, welfare-to-work, vocational education and vocational rehabilitation.

Guam's allocation will be di-

vided among the WIA's three sections: Youth Activities Funding, Adult Activities Funding, and Dislocated Worker Funding.

The Government of Guam will receive \$955,133 for youth activities, \$889,140 for adult activities, and \$1,484,984 for dislocated workers. Further adult activities funding will be disbursed incrementally, with \$67,957 available on July 1, 2011 and \$821,183 available on October 1, 2011; dislocated workers funding will also be

disbursed incrementally with \$159,766 available on July 1, 2011 and \$1,325,218 available on October 1, 2011.

"The funding received today will assist in developing training programs for jobseekers on Guam," said Congresswoman Bordallo. "Guam's job market will grow as a result of the military build-up, and these funds will support GovGuam in providing services to help our local workforce develop skills to obtain and advance in their careers. I look forward to these funds benefiting our community." **(PR)**



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy 6th birthday to Ayanna Janae Dela Cruz Taitingfong, seen here on the right, and many more to come. Hope you enjoy your special day. We love you so much baby girl. Greeting from Mommy, Daddy, Alexis Aleyani, and the family

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Business

Japan nuke plant gets tanks for radioactive water

TOKYO (AP)—Tanks for storing radioactive water were on their way Saturday to the crippled nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan where reactor cores melted after the massive earthquake and tsunami.

The new tanks should help prevent further environmental damage in the evacuated area around the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant by providing a secure place to store the contaminated water being used to cool the reactors as workers continue their battle to bring them under control.

Radioactive water has been leaking from the plant since it was struck by the March 11 disasters, with tons having already flushed into the sea and more continuing to pool across the complex.

Tokyo Electric Power Co., the utility that operates the plant, has said radioactive water could start overflowing from temporary storage areas on June 20, or possibly sooner if there is heavy rainfall.

Two of the 370 tanks were due to arrive Saturday from a manufacturer in nearby Tochigi prefecture (state), TEPCO said. Two hundred of them can store 100 tons, and 170 can store 120 tons.

The tanks will continue ar-



In this June 3, 2011 photo released by Tokyo Electric Power Co., workers try to install a pressure indicator inside the Unit 1 reactor at Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant in Okuma, Fukushima Prefecture, northern Japan.

iving through August, and will store a total of 40,000 tons of radioactive water.

Workers have been fighting to get the plant under control since the tsunami knocked out power, destroyed backup generators and halted the crucial cooling systems for the reactors, causing the world's worst nuclear di-

saster since Chernobyl in 1986. Several explosions have scattered radioactive debris around the plant, and reactors are puffing radiation into the air.

TEPCO also said robots with cameras that entered Unit 1—one of the three reactors whose cores have melted—found Friday that steam was spewing

from the floor. Nationally televised news Saturday showed blurry video of steady smoke curling up from an opening in the reactor floor.

The radioactive fumes were suspected to be coming from the suppression pool area, which is near the reactor core. The radiation level near the smoky

area reached as high as 4,000 millisieverts per hour, much too high for any human to get near that area, and confirming the formidable obstacles Fukushima workers face in fixing the problems at the reactors.

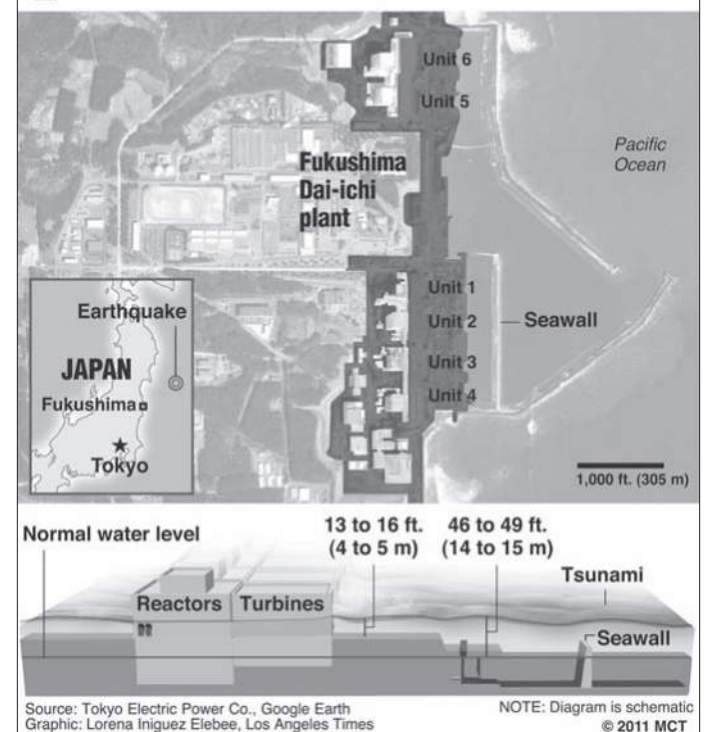
Nuclear fuel rods are be-

lieved to have melted almost completely and sunk to the bottom of three reactor containers, although falling short of a complete meltdown, in which case the fuel would have melted entirely through the container bottoms.

Nuclear plant overwhelmed

The tsunami that followed the magnitude 9 quake off the northeastern coast of Japan on March 11 swept over the seawall built to protect a nuclear power plant.

■ Inundated areas



Obama: Automakers inspire in face of 'headwinds'

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says recent economic "headwinds" at home resulted from high gasoline prices, the Japanese earthquake and Europe's financial crisis.

As inspiration for a broader recovery, he's citing the American auto industry's resurgence.

"We're a people who don't give up, who do big things, who shape our own destiny," the president said in his weekly radio and Internet address Saturday.

The message, taped Friday during Obama's visit to a Chrysler plant in Toledo, Ohio, was hardly different than the remarks he offered to about 350

Chrysler workers.

The White House has spent almost every day this past week drawing attention to the industry comeback and taking credit for Obama's unpopular decision to bail out Chrysler and General Motors and guide them through bankruptcy in 2009.

Like his words to Chrysler workers, Obama's address did not mention the bleak unemployment numbers announced Friday for the month of May. The Bureau of Labor Statistics said the economy last month created only a net 54,000 jobs and unemployment inched up to 9.1 percent.

"We're facing some tough headwinds," Obama said. "Lately, it's high gas prices, the earthquake in Japan and unease about the European fiscal situation. That will happen from time to time."

The Bush and Obama administrations pumped \$80 billion in taxpayer money into Chrysler and GM, with Obama guiding the companies into bankruptcy. The companies are now reporting profits, Chrysler has paid back all but \$1.3 billion of its federal infusion, and the White House says the overall loss to taxpayers will be \$14 billion, far less than first expected.

In the Republican address,

Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee cast the Obama administration as too friendly to labor unions and said industries are more likely to flourish in environments where unions don't hold as much sway.

He noted that foreign auto companies such as Nissan and Volkswagen have chosen to set up plants in Tennessee, a state with right-to-work laws that don't require employees to join unions or pay union dues.

He cited the case of Boeing, which was accused last month by the National Labor Relations Board of retaliating against union workers in Washington

state who went on strike in 2008 by locating a new assembly line for its 787 aircraft in South Carolina, a state with right-to-work laws. The NLRB is seeking a court order that would force Boeing to return all 787 assembly work to Washington.

"Our goal should be to make

it easier and cheaper to create private-sector jobs in this country," Alexander said. "Giving workers the right to join or not to join a union helps to create a competitive environment in which more manufacturers like Nissan and Boeing can make here what they sell here."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Bleak jobs report dampens hopes of steady growth

WASHINGTON (AP)—A bleak jobs report suggests the recovery from the Great Recession will be longer and bumpier than many economists had envisioned. Most economists say job growth should strengthen later this year as gasoline prices drop further and the economy recovers from the effects of natural disasters in the U.S. and abroad. But the recovery is starting to weaken 17 months before the 2012 election, which could hurt President Barack Obama's re-election prospects. The unemployment rate in May inched up to 9.1 percent from 9 percent, the Labor Department said Friday; when Obama took office, it was 7.8 percent. The Conference Board, a business research group, predicts the rate will be 8.5 percent at the end of next year. That would mean Obama would face a higher unemployment rate than any

president running for re-election since World War II.

18 activists arrested on Greenland oil rig

STOCKHOLM (AP)—Police on Saturday arrested 18 Greenpeace activists who climbed aboard an oil rig off Greenland's coast to protest deepwater drilling in the Arctic. The rig is operated by the Scottish oil group Cairn Energy and drilling has temporarily been suspended due to the protest. Cairn last month won permission to drill up to seven oil exploration wells off the Arctic island's west coast. Police spokesman Morten Nielsen said activists from Britain, Finland, Sweden, Italy and the Netherlands, among other countries, are being taken to Nuuk, the semi-autonomous Danish territory's capital, where they will be questioned. "The police arrests of the 18 went peacefully, with only one activist resisting" officers, he said.

Spotlight falls on Sony's troubled cybersecurity

LONDON (AP)—Another massive data breach at Sony has left hackers exulting, customers steaming and security experts questioning why basic fixes haven't been made to the company's stricken cybersecurity program.

Hackers say they managed to steal a massive trove of personal information from Sony Pictures' website using a basic technique which they claim shows how poorly the company guards its users' secrets. Security experts agreed Friday, saying the company's security was bypassed by a well-known attack method

by which rogue commands are used to extract sensitive data from poorly constructed websites.

"Any website worth its salt these days should be built to withstand such attacks," said Graham Cluley, of Web security firm Sophos. Coming on the heels of a massive security breach that compromised more than 100 million user accounts associated with Sony's PlayStation and online entertainment networks, Cluley said the latest attack suggested that hackers were lining up to give the company a kicking.

"They are becoming the whipping boy of the computer underground," he said.

In a joint statement from Michael Lynton, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Amy Pascal, Co-Chairman, Sony Pictures Entertainment on Friday night acknowledged the breach and said the company had taken action "to protect against further intrusion."

"We have also retained a respected team of experts to conduct the forensic analysis of the attack," the statement said. It did not go into details about specific

actions that will be taken to prevent future security breaches.

It wasn't clear how many people were affected. The hackers, who call themselves Lulz Security—a reference to the Internet speak for "laugh out loud"—boasted of compromising more than 1 million users' personal information—although it said that a lack of resources meant it could only leak a selection on the Web. Their claim could not be independently verified, but several people whose details were posted online confirmed their identities to The Associated Press.

Nation

Historic flood begins to abate, but far from over

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—The Mississippi River flood of 2011 may seem like a thing of the past for people who fled rising waters that never came, yet the final toll is shrouded in murky water for thousands of people devastated as the flood made its way from the Midwest to the Gulf of Mexico.

Thousands of acres of crops, timber and catfish farms are still flooded, mostly by tributaries that backed up because the Mississippi River was so high. Hundreds are still displaced from flooded homes. Some people had nothing to go home to.

In the Mississippi Delta, Tim Saxton is still praying for the levees to hold—not the levees on the Mississippi River, but the ones on his 500-acre catfish farm. Saxton is not sure how bad Five Mile Fisheries was damaged because it's still under water. So he waits. And wonders.

"It's going to be tough on a 60-year-old man to start over, but I'm sure going to try," Saxton vowed.

The levees divided the farm into dozens of small ponds for different-sized fish. If he has to rebuild all of those levees, the financial blow will be crippling. Even if the levees survive, it could take Saxton a year or more to get back into production.

He's not the only one starting over. The mobile home park in Memphis, Tenn., where Leandro Lugo lived with his pregnant wife and two young children, is abandoned, like "something out of a movie." Many of the mobile homes were flooded to their roofs. Red stickers mark the ones that are unlivable.

Lugo and his family were among the first to arrive at the Hope Presbyterian Church shelter. Most of the 177 people

Massachusetts tornadoes



As of 10 p.m.
Eastern Wednesday:

1. Westfield, Mass.
Two storm-related deaths reported by state officials

2. West Springfield, Mass
One death reported

3. Brimfield, Mass
One death reported

4. Springfield, Mass. Severe damage reported caused by storms

Source: AP, National Weather Service
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who stayed there have left for rented apartments or hotel rooms paid for by the federal government. And after more than a month, Lugo and his family left, too. The bed of Lugo's white pickup truck was filled with donated items like baby diapers, chairs and a small bed for his kids.

"We were a little frustrated at one time, but we realized that we couldn't control what God has in store for us," said Lugo, a 37-year-old construction worker. "We have to keep moving forward. We can't look back."

Some were more fortunate.

Hundreds of people living along Louisiana's Atchafalaya River heeded mandatory evacuation orders when the Army Corps of Engineers opened the Morganza floodway north of Baton Rouge

for the first time since 1973. The corps had warned residents of Butte LaRose that diverting the Mississippi River's flood waters into the Atchafalaya basin could inundate the town.

Several weeks later, that dire forecast hasn't come close to fruition. The slowly rising water has damaged a few homes in Butte LaRose but spared the vast majority. The mandatory evacuation order has been lifted.

"I said I wanted to give Mother Nature a run for her money. We won this time, but we don't know if we'll win the next time," said Maxim Doucet, a 37-year-old construction company owner who spent thousands of dollars preparing. He built a 6-foot levee around his home on the banks of the Atchafalaya River.

St. Martin Parish President Guy Cormier, who ordered the

evacuation, credited the Army Corps of Engineers and National Weather Service for keeping him informed but said he was frustrated the projections were so far off.

"Once this is all said and done, I'm going to want some answers about how they missed this by 4 1/2 feet," he said.

Farther downstream in Morgan City, even worse conditions were predicted. So far, the oil and seafood hub hasn't seen any

significant backwater flooding, said Mayor Tim Matte. However, it could be another month before the water levels cease to be a concern. That's left officials consumed with flood preparations at a time they'd normally be focused on the start of hurricane season on June 1. The season is expected to be busier than normal, with government forecasters predicting there could be as many as 18 named tropical storms.

Crews try to protect Ariz. communities from fires

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Crews on Saturday worked to protect several small Arizona communities from two large wildfires by clearing away brush near homes and planning to set fires aimed at robbing the blazes of their fuel.

The Wallow Fire, near the White Mountain community of Alpine, grew to 218 square miles, or more than 140,000 acres, by Saturday morning.

The fire is the third largest in state history, with its smoke visible in parts of southern Colorado. Fire officials said they had zero containment of the fire near the New Mexico-Arizona state line, which has forced an unknown number of people to evacuate.

The fire has burned four summer rental cabins since it started May 29, the U.S. Forest Service said.

Crews were working to protect homes in Alpine and nearby Nutrioso from the fire and blowing embers that could start smaller, spot fires. The fire had reached Alpine's outskirts and was about two miles away from homes in Nutrioso, said Bob Dyson, a spokesman for the team fighting the blaze.

A shift in winds around midafternoon Saturday blew embers that started a spot fire at the southwestern corner of Alpine. A helicopter knocked down that fire by dumping water on it, and no buildings were damaged or destroyed as a result.

The yellowish smoke in Alpine was so heavy that it reduced visibility to about a quarter mile.

Authorities Friday night warned residents of the town of Greer to be ready to leave, but no evacuation order has been issued. Greer has fewer than 200 permanent residents, but the town and area attract many vacationers.

Gov. Jan Brewer traveled to Springerville to get a briefing from fire team's commander and took an aerial tour of the blaze to get an appreciation for its scope and size, said Matthew Benson, a spokesman for Brewer.

"The governor's main concern is for the families living in the White Mountains and the firefighters and emergency personnel responding to this fire," Benson said. "It's an extremely dangerous fire at this point."



In this June 1, 2011 photograph Tim Saxton, a co-owner of Five Mile Fisheries near Yazoo City, Miss., gestures the height floodwaters climbed into some of his lower leveed catfish ponds, as he stands on the tallest levee still covered by water.

Human toll of deadly tornado cuts deep in Joplin

JOPLIN, Mo. (AP)—They were regular churchgoers, devoted parents, seniors in their retirement years and children with untold promise.

Some gave their lives to save strangers, thrust by circumstance and human instinct into the role of hero. Others faced a parent's worst fear, losing their lives while also failing to protect their children from death.

Few outside the town of about 50,000 will recognize the names of the dead. But Joplin's close-knit community lost a staggering array of human capital in the May 22 tornado, including seniors who were the town's history and young people who were its future. Some lived their lives ordinarily, only to be defined in their final moments by breathtaking courage.

"I don't know how you put it in context," said Ron Samp-

son, executive director of Joplin Workshop Inc., where three employees—lifelong friends with Down syndrome—died when their Iowa Street home was destroyed. "Between the physical destruction and the loss of life, it's so overwhelming. Everybody is still in a fog."

Thirteen children died, including several students at Joplin High School, which was flattened. Two pairs of siblings were killed, and five children perished alongside a parent who also died.

Familiar faces at the cell phone store and 15th Street Walmart, three Elks Lodge members who attended weekly Bingo games, and three Harmony Heights Baptist Church worshippers didn't survive the Sunday afternoon twister, the nation's deadliest single tornado in six decades.

Some were praised by name by Barack Obama in a presidential visit one week later, while others died anonymously. Still more continue on in the virtual world, their memories perpetuated in YouTube and Facebook tributes.

Among them was 18-year-old Will Norton, whose story became widely known after it was learned the tornado, carrying 200 mph winds, pulled him out through his SUV's sunroof as he drove home from graduation. His funeral, scheduled for Sunday, figures to dwell not on the way he died but on the unusual way he lived: traveling the world, unlike other Joplin teens.

His family's travel agency allowed Norton to take to the skies. He ultimately would visit 15 countries in Europe and Africa. He became a private pilot like his father and uncle.

ACROSS THE NATION

NM boy, 9, becomes youngest to fly balloon solo

TOME, N.M. (AP)—Nine-year-old Bobby Bradley floated into history early Saturday, taking off solo in a hot air balloon and landing perfectly about a half-hour later to become the youngest trained pilot to accomplish such a feat. Showing maturity and composure well beyond his years, Bradley proved any doubters wrong as he strategically touched down on a dirt road—exactly as his parents had instructed. Some among a small crowd gathered for the event then doused the boy with non-alcoholic champagne and silly string as he knelt to drink his celebratory glass. "It was awesome. It was amazing. I loved it," he said.

NJ fun park reopens day after Ferris wheel death

WILDWOOD, N.J. (AP)—A Jersey shore boardwalk amusement park that closed after an 11-year-old girl tumbled from a moving Ferris wheel to her death reopened Saturday while investigators tried to figure out what caused her fall. A spokeswoman for Morey's Mari-

ner's Landing Pier in Wildwood said the park reopened at noon. It was closed Friday night, hours after the death of 11-year-old Abiah Jones. Jones was with her classmates from Pleasant Tech Academy when she plunged about 100 feet, from near the top of the ride, and landed in the passenger loading area, police and amusement park officials said. She was pronounced dead at a hospital about 45 minutes later.

Boy, 3, dies in Ohio river; search for brother off

ZANESVILLE, Ohio (AP)—Authorities have called off the search for a 2-year-old boy who went missing at an Ohio river in which his 3-year-old half-brother drowned. The boys' family is from Zanesville and had been camping near a dam at Muskingum River State Park, about 50 miles east of Columbus. Muskingum County officials say the family awoke Saturday morning and realized 2-year-old Anthony Joseph Tullius and 3-year-old Ayden Leroy Cecil were gone. Searchers found the older boy's body hours later about a mile south of the spillway at the dam.

Asia

China says its military no threat to peace in Asia

SINGAPORE (AP)—The strength of China's armed forces is 20 years behind the U.S. and although the military is developing new capabilities, it is not a threat to peace in Asia, the Chinese defense minister said Sunday.

China's military won't be used aggressively against its neighbors, General Liang Guanglie said at an Asian security conference in Singapore.

"I know many people tend to believe that with the growth of China's economy, China will become a military threat," Liang said. "China will never seek hegemony or military expansion."

"This is a solemn pledge made by the Chinese government to the international community," he said. Liang met Friday with U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates in Singapore amid increasing high-level contacts between the militaries of the two countries. Gates told Liang that he believes the military-to-military relationship is "on a positive trajectory" after a series of setbacks in recent years.

Liang is the highest-ranking Chinese military official to attend the IISS Shangri-La Dialogue, now in its 10th year. General Chen Bingde, China's



China's Defense Minister Liang Guanglie addresses delegates on the topic of China's International Security Cooperation during the final day of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) Asia Securities Summit, the Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore, Sunday, June 5, 2011.

chief of general staff, met with top U.S. military officials last month in Washington.

"China and the U.S. have made great progress in bilateral relations," Liang said. "All of us are very optimistic about the future of bilateral and military-to-military relations."

Liang sought to downplay recent increased Chinese military spending, insisting the nation's capabilities remain far behind those of developed countries.

"Our defense force is more modern and developed. How-

ever, there still exists a big gap," he said. "There's a generational gap."

China is working privately with North Korean officials to try to revive stalled six-nation nuclear disarmament talks that involve the two Koreas, Japan, China, Russia and the U.S., Liang said.

"The work we have done with North Korea is much more than what the outside world may expect," he said. "We are trying to persuade them not to take risks."

In Kabul, Gates urges patience with Afghan war

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates appealed for patience with an unpopular war and said Saturday that only modest U.S. troop reductions would make sense this summer in a still unstable Afghanistan.

On his 12th and final visit to Afghanistan as Pentagon chief, Gates held out the possibility of a turning point in the war by year's end. But Gates, who's retiring June 30, said much depends on whether the death of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden creates a new opening for peace negotiations with leaders of the Taliban insurgency.

This and other aspects of the war, now in its 10th year, were on the agenda for Gates' meet-

ings Saturday with Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. and NATO commander here, and with U.S. Ambassador Karl Eikenberry. A decision on U.S. troop reductions is expected in the next couple of weeks.

Gates stressed the effectiveness of U.S.-led NATO military operations against the Taliban over the past year, after President Barack Obama ordered an extra 30,000 U.S. troops to Afghanistan. Gains have been notable in the south, the heartland of the Taliban movement.

"I believe that if we can hold on to the territory that has been recaptured from the Taliban ... and perhaps expand that security, that we will be in position toward the end of this year to perhaps have

a successful opening to reconciliation" with the Taliban—"or at least be in a position where we can say we've turned the corner here in Afghanistan," Gates said.

"Making any changes prior to that time would be premature," he added.

Together with remarks he made about Afghanistan earlier Saturday at a security conference in Singapore, Gates' statements suggest that he worries that large U.S. troop cuts this year would run the risk of undermining battlefield gains and jeopardize a NATO-endorsed plan to remove all foreign combat troops from Afghanistan by 2015. The White House is pushing for bigger reductions than are favored by the military.

capital, New Delhi. Saffron-robed and bearded Ramdev and tens of thousands of his supporters went on hunger strikes across India and in several cities in the United States, Europe and Africa on Saturday in a campaign to try to root out India's endemic corruption.

Obedient Wives Club in Malaysia promotes good sex

RAWANG, Malaysia (AP)—A Malaysian Muslim group has launched the "Obedient Wives Club" to teach women to be submissive and keep their spouses happy in the bedroom as a cure to social ills. The club's vice president, Rohayah Mohamad, says wives must learn to be good lovers so they can "obey, serve and entertain" their husbands to prevent them from straying or misbehaving. Activists and politicians slam the club launched Saturday as misguided and a setback to the rights of Muslim women.

World

Wounded Yemen leader flies abroad; future in doubt

SANAA, Yemen (AP)—Embattled Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh flew to Saudi Arabia for urgent medical care after a rocket attack on his



Saleh

palace, raising the specter of a violent power grab in this impoverished country shaken by months of protests calling for his ouster. The abrupt departure of Saleh and much of his family Saturday followed intense pressure to step down from his powerful Gulf neighbors and longtime ally Washington, which fear the chaos could plunge the country into anarchy and undermine the U.S.-backed campaign against al-Qaida's most active branch. It was not immediately clear who was in charge.

Yemen's unrest was inspired by the uprisings across the Arab world, which have already led to the downfall

of governments in Egypt and Tunisia. It already has cost the government control of some remote provinces, and al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula and other Islamist extremists have exploited the turmoil to bolster their position in the Arab world's poorest country.

"Saleh was an inconsistent partner in the war against al-Qaida," said Rick Nelson, a counterterrorism expert at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "But at least he was part of the time."

Saleh, who is in his late 60s, had agreed to transfer power several times, only to step back at the last moment. Analysts said it appeared unlikely Saleh would return to Yemen: The Saudis have tried repeatedly to persuade him to step down and now he is in their

care, large segments of the population oppose him, and a powerful tribal alliance took up arms against him.

A video posted on YouTube late Saturday showed hundreds of protesters in the Sanaa square where activists have camped out for months dancing and singing, some riding on each other's shoulders. The video's date could not be confirmed.

A Yemeni official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to release the information, said Saleh had left with most of his family. The official said he and others had only learned about Saleh's plans after the president left.

A statement from the Saudi royal palace said a Saudi medical team traveled to Yemen to examine the president, then advised him to seek treatment in the kingdom. Saleh agreed and left Saturday night, the statement said.

Survivor of E. coli tells story of ordeal

BERLIN (AP)—When Nicoletta Pabst woke up last week with stomach cramps and diarrhea at her Hamburg home, it didn't really bother her too much. But when she discovered blood in her stool a few hours later, she got worried.

Hamburg is at the epicenter of an E. coli outbreak, which has killed at least 18 people since May 2.

"We'd all been reading the scary news about the E. coli outbreak in our region for days," the 41-year-old homemaker said in an interview with The Associated Press on Saturday. "So I talked with my husband about it and he took me to the university hospital right away."

The epidemic is considered the deadliest E. coli outbreak in modern history. More than 1,700 people in Germany have been sickened, including 520 with a life-threatening compli-

cation that can cause kidney failure. Ten other European nations and the U.S. have reported 90 additional cases, all but two related to visits in northern Germany.

While suspicion has fallen on raw tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce as the source of the bacteria, researchers have been unable to pinpoint the food responsible for the outbreak.

When Pabst and her husband arrived at the emergency room of the University Medical Center in Hamburg-Eppendorf, they were shocked by the chaotic scenes there.

"All patients suspected of E. coli were led to a separate location for examination," remembered Pabst. "When I arrived, there were at least 20 other people and more and more kept coming in, many of them by ambulance."

She said sanitary conditions in the emergency room were

abhorrent.

"All of us had diarrhea and there was only one bathroom each for men and women—it was a complete mess," she said. "If I hadn't been sick with E. coli by then, I probably would have picked it up over there."

After waiting three hours to be seen, Pabst was told to go home because her blood levels did not indicate that she had kidney failure.

Hospitals in Hamburg have been struggling to provide enough beds for all the infected patients in recent weeks, and several people have said they were initially turned down, only to return days later with much more severe symptoms.

Pabst's stomach cramps and bloody stools also got worse during the night. The next morning she was so weak that she couldn't get up from bed, and her husband called an ambulance.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Police: Bomb blast kills 6 in NW Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—Police say a bomb has exploded at a bus stand in northwest Pakistan, killing six people. Sunday's explosion in the Matani area is the latest violence to hit Pakistan since the May 2 U.S. raid that killed al-Qaida chief Osama bin Laden. It also follows reports that another top al-Qaida militant, Ilyas Kashmiri, was killed in an American missile strike in Pakistan.

Police break up Indian yoga guru's hunger strike

NEW DELHI (AP)—Hundreds of police officers swooped down Sunday on the venue of a hunger strike by a charismatic Indian yoga guru and forcibly removed him and thousands of his supporters. Officers detained Baba Ramdev for security reasons, but later released him, said Rajan Bhagat, a police spokesman in the Indian

WORLD BRIEFS

Israel on high alert for possible border unrest

JERUSALEM (AP)—Thousands of Israeli security forces are on alert for possible border unrest as Palestinians mark the anniversary of the Arab defeat in the 1967 Mideast war and Israel's occupation of Arab land. Over the weekend, Palestinians in Syria and Lebanon canceled plans to march to their frontiers with Israel. But Israel wasn't taking any chances after thousands of Arab protesters surged to Israel's borders with Syria, Lebanon, the Gaza Strip and the West Bank last month. Hundreds breached a porous border fence then to enter the Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in 1967.

3,500 evacuate as volcano erupts in southern Chile

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP)—One of the volcanos

in the Cautin Cordon of southern Chile erupted violently Saturday, billowing smoke and ash high into the sky and prompting more than 3,500 people living nearby to evacuate. There were no reports of injuries. Authorities initially said the Puyehue volcano was involved, but later said the eruption was occurring about 2 1/2 miles (four kilometers) from that peak.

Progress seen against militants in Somali capital

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—The African Union force in the Somalia capital says progress is being made against militants in Mogadishu. The African Union said Saturday that AU and Somali troops have expelled al-Shabab militants from two more districts in the capital. The AU force also said the body of a suspected militant from Pakistan was recovered after fighting Saturday.

Health & Fitness

India health costs a crisis impoverishing millions

ALIGARH, India (A P) — When Nasir Khan cried out at night from the searing pain of kidney stones, the entire slum could hear him. A magic healer promised an inexpensive cure through chanting while pinching his side where the kidney stones were lodged, but it only made it worse. His condition became life-threatening, and doctors said he would need surgery for a fourth time.

The operation cost him—and his extended family—their home.

Without insurance and un-

able to get a loan, they sold the broken brick shack in the industrial north Indian city of Aligarh for 250,000 rupees, or about \$5,500. It had been home to the 35-year-old Khan, his four brothers, three wives and 11 children.

"There is no choice. It is my life," Khan said in gasps, writhing atop a crude wooden cot as his relatives hovered helplessly nearby. He screamed for his mother. He screamed for Allah. He screamed for anyone to deliver him from the pain. His story is repeated so often across India it evokes little sympathy, yet it represents one of the biggest threats to India's battle to lift its poor up from squalor.

Each year, the cost of health care pushes some 39 million people back into poverty, according to a study published in the Lancet medical journal. Patients shoulder up to 80 percent of India's medical costs. Their

share averages about \$66 (3,000 rupees) annually per person—a crippling sum for the 800 million or so Indians living on less than \$2 a day.

A diagnosis of asthma, a broken leg or a complicated childbirth can mean having to choose between medicine or food, spending on treatment or relying on prayer.

"We are too poor," Khan's uncle Bhuere Khan said. His aunt Rafiqan Mohammed offered another justification for selling the house, as if one were needed: "He has to live. He has small children."

While India boasts an economic growth rate near 9 percent, the wealth has done little to help millions burdened by poverty and disease. The poor, aside from struggling to afford care, also face extreme shortages of doctors and medicines.

The situation is particularly dire in rural areas, where more

than 70 percent of the country's 1.2 billion people live. Some desperate patients resort to seeing quacks. Others pay bribes. Many simply don't seek help until it is too late.

The World Bank and other experts have warned that failure to address the country's health care woes could take a toll on long-term growth—especially as two-thirds of the population is under 35 and would form the backbone of India's work force for decades.

Yet India's government spends comparatively little on health care: just 1.1 percent of the country's GDP, a figure that hasn't changed much since 2006 when China was spending 1.9 percent; Russia, 3.3 percent and Brazil, 3.5 percent, according to World Health Organization figures.

"The political will is simply not there yet. We have to help realign the country's priorities," said Dr. K. Srinath Reddy, president of the Public Health Foundation of India and part of a government-commissioned committee recommending reforms.

Statistics that might highlight areas of need are scarce, thanks to erratic case reporting, few autopsies and a tradition of quick cremation that destroys evidence of disease. WHO reports often leave India out for lack of data. A recent study in the Lancet suggests malaria deaths could be 10 times higher than estimated.

India, which says hospital costs impoverish a quarter of all patients, has vowed to raise spending on health to 3 percent of GDP by 2015 and provide universal primary health care—but it's an unfilled promise that's been made before.

The Lancet, in a series on India in January, urged the government to double its pledge to 6 percent by 2020 or jeopardize its ability to shake off poverty.

"What is the point of economic success if there is nothing in it for the population?" Lancet editor Richard Horton said. "In a short amount of time you can do a lot—if you have the right leadership, the right administration and the public will. India has the people and it has the funds. We'll see if they can do it."

Meanwhile, India boasts a thriving medical tourism industry with shiny private clinics luring tens of thousands of foreigners for everything from bargain tummy tucks to experimental stem-cell treatments in an industry estimated to be worth nearly 100 billion rupees (\$2.3 billion). The pharmaceutical industry is making life-saving drugs at cut-rate costs, private hospitals are pioneering advances in open-heart surgery

and medical schools are churning out physicians eager to work in the West.

For most Indians, however, this is happening in another world.

Uttar Pradesh, one of India's poorest states and home to the padlock-manufacturing city of Aligarh, is a land of barren rural landscapes pocked by crumbling mud huts, wandering cattle and roadside shacks selling potato chips and curry.

Its infant mortality rate—96 of every 1,000 newborns die—makes it one of the worst places on Earth to be born. The average Indian rate is better at 63 but still grim compared with China's 15 deaths out of every 1,000 births.

The state's leader, Mayawati, who uses only one name, rose from India's lowest caste to power and prominence. She calls health care a top priority. Yet since taking office in 2007 she has spent just \$224 million on medicines for the state's 195 million people, while spending \$569 million to build memorial parks and statues of leading dalits—also known as untouchables—such as herself.

In rural India, the poor often have to walk kilometers (miles) to reach a clinic, with no guarantee of finding a doctor or the medicine they need. On any given day, at least 40 percent of government doctors are absent—often busy moonlighting for higher pay at private clinics. Drug supplies are also erratic; last year, India was short 35 million vaccine doses for diphtheria and 30 million for tetanus, a Health Ministry report said.

Many patients simply rely on traditional holistic medicine approaches such as ayurveda, or seek help from quacks, who have become so common the government uses them as information sources on everything from environmental contamination to polio outbreaks.

They advertise in graffiti scrawled across roadside buildings in rural Uttar Pradesh, promising treatments for venereal disease, erectile dysfunction, urinary tract infections—and charging according to what patients can pay.

Cities such as Aligarh, a three-hour drive east of New Delhi over potholed roads, are somewhat better off. They have hospitals, doctors and drugs—though often in short supply. The government says the nation needs tens of thousands of clinics and 700,000 more doctors.

At Aligarh's Mohan Lal Gautam District Women's Hospital, dozens of women line up each day for a free sterilization procedure that will spare them the risk and cost of having and raising another child.

"It is too much," said 32-year-

old Pinky Devi, the frail wife of a rice farmer who said she paid about 20,000 rupees (\$450) to have her second daughter in a hospital. "I want to educate my children well. I want a good life. That is why I am here."

The state hospital has only three doctors, who race each day through seeing some 500 patients giving birth, needing operations or seeking treatment for pelvic inflammatory disease and other conditions at subsidized costs. There are 10 vacancies for doctors, but it is all but impossible to find practitioners who will work for 20,000 rupees (about \$450) a month when they can make at least double at a private clinic, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Poonam Sharma said.

"We cannot give the patients good treatment," she said. "They won't get the quality time, most maybe just three minutes." More than half of Aligarh's babies are still born at home, often in unsanitary conditions, Sharma said.

The medical community, eager to increase its numbers, has debated ideas such as training ayurveda or yoga practitioners to give basic care, offering bonuses for working in remote areas and recruiting from Africa.

In the meantime, private health care is booming, with clinics and insurance schemes multiplying and driving up costs.

There are piecemeal efforts to help: a national mission launched in 2005 to improve rural care, and some states offering to cover hospital bills for the poorest.

But patients like Ibne Hasan, diagnosed with HIV two years ago, say they have seen no such benefits.

Once employed in the packaging department at Aligarh's lock factory, 35-year-old Hasan has had to sell his two slum plots and all of his belongings save a threadbare armchair, a few tin pots, a worn mattress and a tiny room he shares with his wife and two children. The money has long been spent.

They are shunned by friends and neighbors. With no electricity or stove, they survive on food Hasan's wife brings from her housekeeping work, and use her monthly 1,100 rupee (\$25) wage on AIDS drugs for Hasan and asthma medication for their 5-year-old son, who is far too small for his age and may also have HIV.

"When we can, we buy medicine. I haven't gotten one rupee in treatment," Hasan said, as the listless little boy huddled in the room. Laughing children threw pebbles at the shack from outside. "They make all these promises, but they are only promises. I have seen nothing."

Personal Trainer

Basketball passes

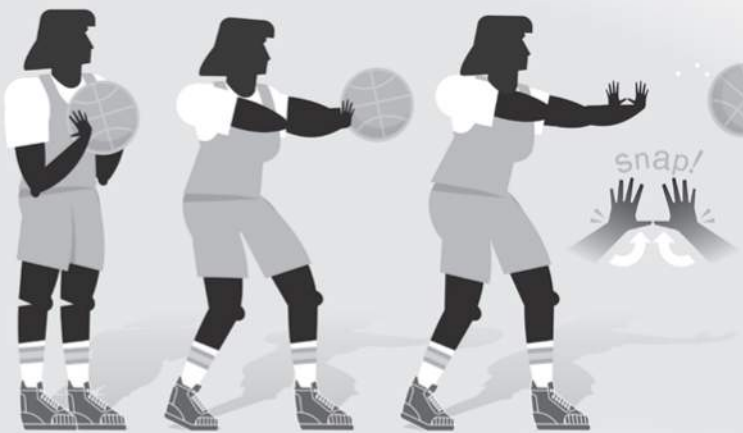
Among the basic skills of basketball, passing is just as essential as dribbling because a bad pass often means losing the ball.

Chest pass

- 1 Ball chest high, fingers spread, thumbs pointing down

- 2 Step forward and push ball with arms

- 3 Finish by snapping wrists inward, thumbs together



Overhead pass

- 1 Begin with thumbs under ball
- 2 Start pass by snapping little fingers forward



Baseball pass

Difficult and risky; for long throws or fast breaks

- 1 A straight overhead throw, not sidearm
- 2 Keep ball low, bouncing once before reaching receiver, if necessary (a skip pass)

- 3 Judge receiver's direction and speed and "lead" the receiver with pass



Ball should have backspin; side spin will make ball curve

Shovel pass

While dribbling, scoop hand under ball and make underhand throw
Sloppy and inaccurate; never use it



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Life & Style

James Arness of 'Gunsmoke' fame dead at 88

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AP TELEVISION WRITER

It takes a special kind of lawman to carry on for 20 years in the Wild West of TV.

Matt Dillon, the mythical marshal of Dodge City, stood tall—all 6 feet, 6 inches of him—on "Gunsmoke" from 1955 to 1975. He outlasted dozens of other Western heroes while making history on TV's longest-running dramatic series, a record that held until NBC's "Law & Order" tied the CBS Western's record in 2010.

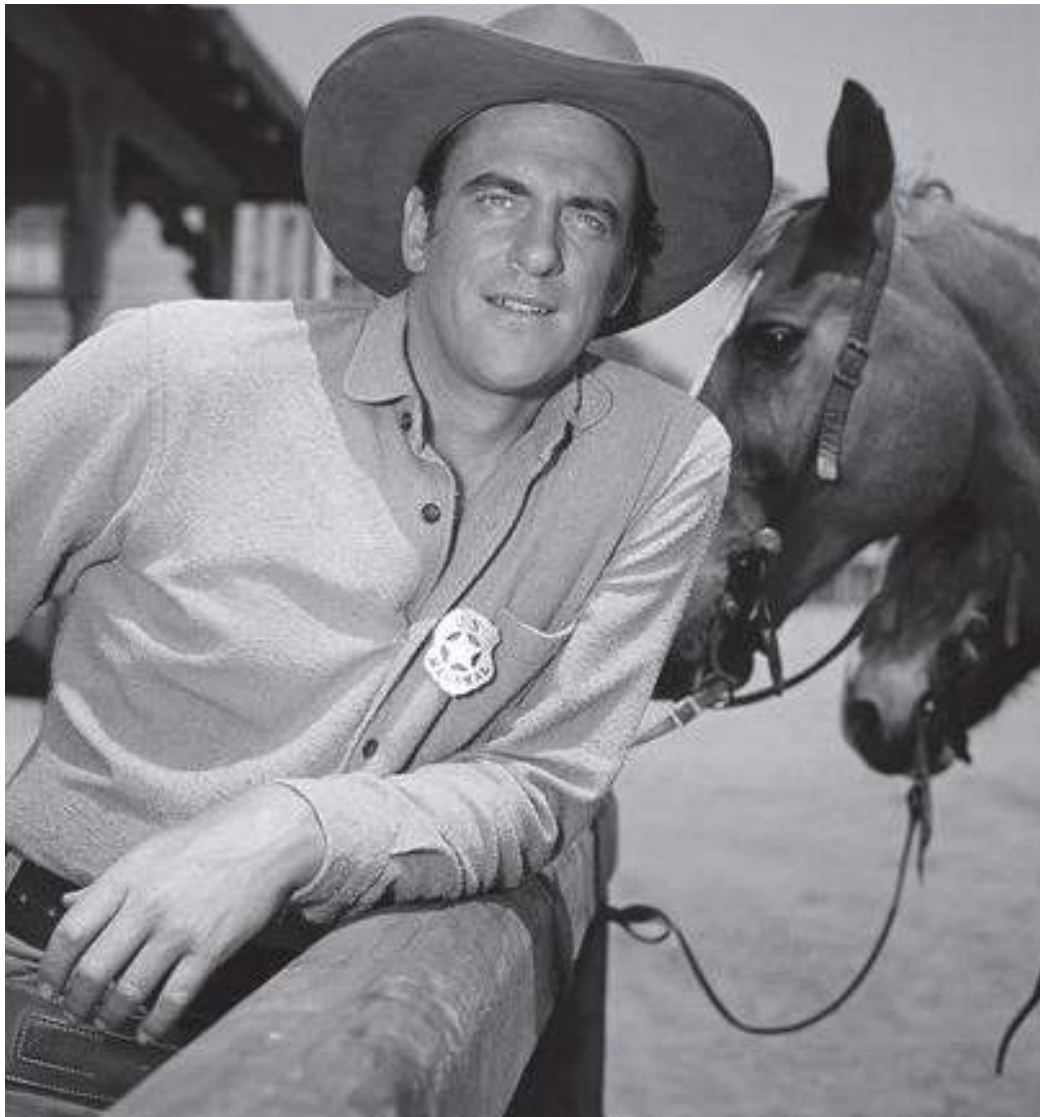
Through all those gunslinging years, James Arness, who died Friday, kept Marshal Dillon righteous, peace-seeking and, most of all, believable.

Fickle viewers can kill a TV hero as surely as a bullet from an outlaw's six-gun. But Arness knew how to maintain order not only in circa-1870s Dodge City, but also among the TV audience, whose itchy fingers on their channel changers he knew how to calm.

In an era when TV actors typically chewed the scenery, Arness had a credible, commanding presence by hardly uttering a word. A typical scene found a dozen cowboys riding up to the town jail intent on busting out a prisoner pal.

Dillon faces them all down.

"The first move anybody



In this undated publicity image released by CBS, Actor James Arness is shown as Marshal Matt Dillon in "Gunsmoke."

makes," he says, with a slight shake of his head, "I cut you in two."

Arness' defiant but rueful delivery is so understated, he makes Clint Eastwood seem like a loudmouth.

No wonder "Gunsmoke" wore so well. And became the last word on a programming craze that some seasons found as many as 30 Westerns on the air. When "Gunsmoke" went off in 1975, it was the only Western left.

By the end of his career, Arness, who was 88 when he died at his home in the Brentwood section of Los Angeles, seemed almost indistinguishable from Matt Dillon in the audience's mind.

Befitting Marshal Dillon's dignity and composure, Arness wrote, and left behind, a simple, straight-from-the-heart farewell which, at his request, was posted posthumously Friday on his official website.

"I had a wonderful life and was blessed with ... (so) many loving people and great friends," he said, then went on to thank his multitude of fans.

In life, Arness was a quiet, intensely private man who preferred the outdoor life to Hollywood's party scene, rarely gave interviews, and refused to discuss his personal tragedies (his daughter and his former wife, Virginia, both died of drug overdoses).

"He's big, impressive and virile," co-star Amanda Blake (Miss Kitty) once said of Arness, adding, "I've worked with him for 16 years, but I don't really know him."

The actor was 32 when friend John Wayne declined the lead

role in "Gunsmoke" and recommended Arness instead. Afraid of being typecast, Arness initially rejected it.

"Go ahead and take it, Jim," Wayne urged him. "You're too big for pictures. Guys like Gregory Peck and I don't want a big lug like you towering over us. Make your mark in television."

Then Wayne filmed an introduction for the first episode of "Gunsmoke" to give the largely unknown Arness the proper send-off.

"I predict he'll be a big star," Wayne told viewers. "So you might as well get used to him, like you've had to get used to me."

Arness' 20-year, prime-time run as the marshal was tied only in recent times, by Kelsey Grammer's 20 years as Frasier Crane from 1984 to 2004 on "Cheers" and then on "Frasier."

The years showed on the weathered-looking Arness, but he—and his TV character—wore them well.

"The camera really loved his face, and with good reason," novelist Wallace Markfield wrote in a 1975 "Gunsmoke" appreciation in The New York Times. "It was a face that would age well and that, while aging, would carry intimations of waste, loss and futility."

Born James Aurness in Minneapolis (he dropped the "u" for show business reasons), he and younger brother Peter enjoyed a "real Huckleberry Finn existence," Arness once recalled.

Peter, who changed his last name to Graves, went on to star in the TV series "Mission Impossible." (He died in 2010.)

Operatic bass Giorgio Tozzi dies in Indiana at 88

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP)—Award-winning opera singer Giorgio Tozzi has died in Bloomington, Ind. He was 88.

Tozzi died on Monday, Linda Holmstrom of Day Funeral Home said Friday. His son, Eric Tozzi, told The New York Times that his father died of a heart attack.

Born in Chicago in 1923, Tozzi grew up to become one of opera's most recognized bass voices. He won four Grammy awards.

"He was a renaissance man," said a friend, Roger Havranek, emeritus voice professor at Indiana University's Jacobs School

of Music. "He knew everything from art to politics. He was very common—he did not have the ego of all the 'stars.'"

Havranek said he last saw Tozzi a week ago while the singer was in the hospital battling pneumonia before being transferred to a rehabilitation center.

Tozzi sang with New York's Metropolitan Opera from 1954 to 1974, featuring in 399 performances of 37 roles, including Boris in "Boris Godunov," Ramfis in "Aida," Figaro in "The Marriage of Figaro," Don Basilio in "Barber of Seville," Philip II in "Don Carlo," and Hans Sachs in "Die

Meistersinger von Nurnberg."

He also performed with La Scala in Milan; Teatro Reale in Rome; Teatro Colon in Buenos Aires; the National Theater in Munich; and the San Francisco Opera.

He starred on stage in musicals including "South Pacific," "Fiddler on the Roof," and "Man of La Mancha," and appeared on a variety of television shows in the 1970s and 1980s. According to the Internet Movie Database, Tozzi's voice was dubbed in the role of Emile de Becque in the 1958 film version of "South Pacific."

Tozzi appeared as a soloist with the orchestras of New York, Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Cleveland, San Francisco, London and several European ensembles.

Tozzi retired from Indiana University in 2006 after teaching voice there for 15 years.

A World War II U.S. Army veteran, Tozzi is survived by his wife, a son and daughter, and three grandchildren.

The funeral service is scheduled for Saturday at the Day Funeral Home in Bloomington, with a burial to follow in Clear Creek Cemetery.

Tuesday funeral for former 'Cosby' grandmother

NEW YORK (AP)—Funeral arrangements have been made for the actress and comedian who gained fame playing a grandmother on "The Cosby Show" and "Sesame Street."

A public viewing will be held for Clarice Taylor on Tuesday from noon to 4 p.m. at Canaan Baptist Church on 116th Street in New York.

A private wake will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., followed

by the funeral.

Taylor, whose show business career spanned five decades, died of congestive heart failure at 93 in her home in Englewood last Monday.

She received an Emmy nomination in 1986 for her role as Anna Huxtable, mother of Bill Cosby's character and grandparent of the Huxtable youngsters. Taylor also had a recurring role on "Sesame Street."



In this 1992 file photo originally released by NBC, Phylicia Rashad, portraying Clair Huxtable, left, talks on the telephone while Clarice Taylor, portraying Anna Huxtable, center, and Bill Cosby, portraying Dr. Cliff Huxtable and Raven Symone portraying Olivia, right, look on in a scene from "The Cosby Show."

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"For after all—think as we may to ourselves—we are—from birth to death and the space in between—mere guests at a table which we did not spread. The sun, the earth, love, friends, our very breath are parts of the banquet." - R. H. Davis.

May God bless and keep you Father Gary.

**Ann and Bill Stewart
& Kathryn McDonald**

DC's Green Lantern to be joined 3 other GL books

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Amid the change ahead for the heroes that make up DC Comics' universe, Green Lantern's ring will burn bright and emerald, the character's adventures guided by a familiar face.

Geoff Johns, the company's chief creative officer, will write the upcoming relaunch of "Green Lantern," part of a DC-wide effort that will see 52 new first issues enveloping all of its heroes from Superman to the Justice League to Hawkman, but he's promising a different take and tone for the long-time character.

"It's building off the Green Lantern stories I've done since 'Rebirth,'" he told The Associated Press about the series, which is set to start in September and features art by Doug Mahnke and Christian Alamy. "Taking it in a very new direction that we've never seen in 'Green Lantern' before."

"Green Lantern" isn't the only title planned, either. DC is also going to launch three other Green Lantern-related books, too, including "Green Lantern: The New Guardians," written by Tony Bedard and illustrated by Tyler Kirkham and Batt. That will feature Kyle Rayner leading the team. There will also be the "Red Lanterns," featuring



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In this comic book image released by DC Comics, comic art featuring hero Green Lantern's power ring, is shown.

Atrocitus and his fellow Red Lantern Corps members facing off against injustice and serving as judge, jury and executioners. The book is being written by

Peter Milligan with art by Ed Benes and Rob Hunter.

A third book will also launch, too, "Green Lantern Corps." DC says that title, written by Peter J.

Tomasi and illustrated by Fernando Pasarin and Scott Hanna, will see familiar Green Lanterns Guy Gardner and John Stewart as part of an elite strike force aimed at keeping the peace.

What role Hal Jordan will play in all of this, Johns won't say, but the longtime Green Lantern of Sector 2814 will be part of the new Justice League series that kicks off the DC-wide relaunch.

Johns kept details of his writing for the new series close to the vest, but said that if "I didn't think I had a great idea for Green Lantern, I wouldn't have relaunched the book. I would move on if I didn't think I had a great plan for it."

As for what will happen, Johns said he would strive to make the new series fresh but mindful of its historic roots to longtime fans and new readers, too, and stay true to the spirit of the Green Lantern Corps and its emotional content.

Some hints may come in the final issue of the current series, No. 57, which is due out later this month.

"Green Lantern' 1 picks up a few months later in a very different space than we are now," Johns said. "When you see the cover you'll know exactly what I'm talking about."

Everything must go as Rat Pack-era casino closes

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Now that the Sahara hotel-casino is closed in Las Vegas after 59 years, everything must go. The owners of the Rat Pack-era casino are planning a liquidation sale of all items inside the property exactly one month after closing the casino's doors.

Things for sale include the casino's poker room sign, bedroom furnishings and chandeliers in several shapes and sizes.

The sale set to begin June 16 is being organized by Ohio-based National Content Liquidators, a firm that ran previous liquidation sales for other casinos.

Company spokeswoman Meredith Lunsford said she expects the sale to attract nostalgic fans and commercial buyers interested in things like escalators and restaurant equipment.

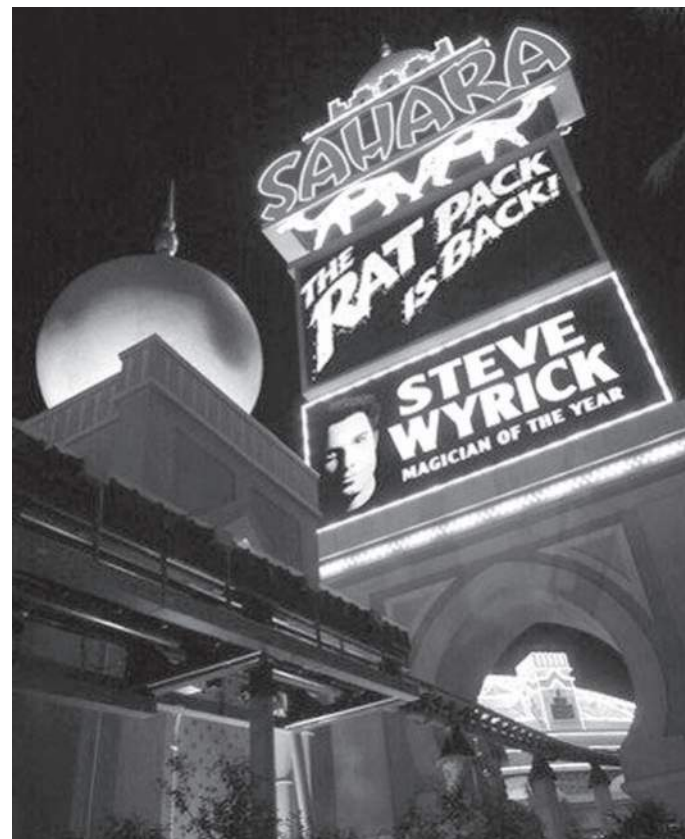
"You've got people from all over wanting to take home a piece of history," Lunsford said.

Owner SBE Entertainment has not yet detailed its plans for the property on the north end of the Las Vegas Strip.

The Sahara is remembered for attracting big celebrities in its heyday, where nightly lounge acts set standards for other casinos that opened later. Don Rickles and Louis Prima were regulars, while Sonny and Cher and Judy Garland also took the stage.

More recently, the Sahara became known for its cheap blackjack and a NASCAR themed area that included a cafe and small roller coaster.

This month, the casino is selling its stage lights and ceiling decor. National Content Liquidators set up a website for the sale with pictures, saying the Sahara would stay open until all its items are sold. The firm is charging \$10 per person admission during the sale's first four days.



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This March 1, 2001 file photo shows the marquee of the Sahara Hotel and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

Statue leaves Italy for 1st time since 1816 for US

WASHINGTON (AP)—One of the best preserved sculptures from Roman antiquity, the "Capitoline Venus," has left Italy for the first time in nearly 200 years for a special display at the National Gallery of Art.

The installation goes on public view Saturday through early September, the museum announced Thursday. The full-scale female nude statue has only left Rome one other time: when it was seized by Napoleon and taken to France in 1797. It was returned to Rome's Capitoline Museum in 1816 after Napoleon fell from power.

Gallery Director Earl A. Powell III called it a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" to see the piece in the United States. It will have a prime spot as a museum centerpiece for the busy summer months.

"The 'Venus' will feel right at home in our West Building Rotunda, which was designed by John Russell Pope and was based on the Pantheon in

Rome," Powell said in a written statement.

The sculpture is a descendant from the "Aphrodite of Cnidos" by Greek sculptor Praxiteles around 360 B.C. That sculpture was groundbreaking in art history for its introduction of the large-scale nude female form as a subject.

The statue was unearthed in the 1670s in a garden in the remains of an ancient building, according to historical accounts. The statue was intact, except for the nose, some fingers and a hand that had broken off. It was later reattached. Pope Benedict XIV gave the sculpture to the Capitoline Museum in 1752.

This is the first time it has been lent for exhibition.

The exhibit is part of an effort by Rome Mayor Gianni Alemanno to display masterpieces in the United States between 2011 and 2013. It also marks the 150th anniversary of Italy's unification as a single state.

Next week, Washington



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This undated handout photo provided by the National Gallery of Art shows the Roman statue Capitoline Venus in Rome.

Mayor Vincent Gray plans to sign a proclamation announcing a new sister city agreement with Alemanno.

'Dallas' star Larry Hagman auctions memorabilia

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—J.R. wasn't selling oil this time. He was selling himself. He still made a pretty penny.

Larry Hagman, who played the cold, conniving oil baron J.R. Ewing on the beloved

1980s series "Dallas," auctioned off many of his personal valuables Saturday in Beverly Hills. Caroline Galloway of Julien's Auctions said a silver saddle was the priciest item sold, fetching \$80,000.

Other big items included a portrait of Hagman's co-star Jim Davis that went for more than \$38,000, a replica bottle from Hagman's earlier series "I Dream of Jeannie" that brought in more than \$10,000, and a pair of pistols

that fetched more than \$4,000.

The 79-year-old Hagman put in an appearance, describing items to the crowd then sitting in the audience during bidding.

The collection brought in more than \$500,000.

Ol' blue eyes' 'New York, New York' back at Belmont

NEW YORK (AP)—Sinatra is "king of the hill" again at the Belmont Stakes.

The New York Racing Association is returning to Frank Sinatra's classic version of "New York, New York" when the horses step onto the track for next Saturday's \$1 million race at Belmont Park.

The decision was announced Friday, a year after NYRA replaced Sinatra's tune with the Jay-Z/Alicia Keys rendition of "Empire State of Mind."

No reason was given for the return to "New York, New York," which had greeted the post parade of horses from 1997-2009. At the time of the change last year, NYRA marketing director Neema Ghazi said "Empire State of Mind" was a "quintessential 21st century theme song

for New York City."

"Sidewalks of New York" was performed before the Belmont Stakes until Sinatra took charge in '97.

NYRA issued a news release to trumpet the return of ol' blue eyes' voice to the Belmont.

Composed by John Kander, with lyrics by Fred Ebb, "New York, New York" is the theme song from the 1977 Martin Scorsese film by the same name. The song did not become a hit until Sinatra performed it at a 1978 concert. He later recorded it on an album.

The Belmont is expected to feature Kentucky Derby winner Animal Kingdom and Preakness winner Shackleford. And just before post time at 6:35 p.m., Sinatra's voice will be back on "top of the heap."

London tourist alert: Prince William on horseback

LONDON (AP)—Sharp-eyed tourists outside Buckingham Palace had a rare opportunity Saturday to see Prince William on horseback.

But even those in the vicinity might well have missed him, since his well-known face was obscured by a traditional tall bearskin hat.

The prince was taking part in a rehearsal for next week's "Trooping the Colour," a major event to mark Queen Elizabeth II's official birthday.

The queen turned 85 in April, but the public party for the monarch's birthday is held on a Saturday in June when the weather is better. The custom dates from 1748 and will be June 11 this year.

William, riding a mottled gray horse called Wellesley, was wearing the red Irish Guards tunic with a blue sash that he wore at his April 29 wedding to Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey.

William, 28, was made Colonel of the Irish Guards in February. He is expected to wear the same outfit at the actual "Trooping the Colour" ceremony, which usually draws thousands of well-wishers to the ceremonial heart of London.

The event Saturday, officially known as the Colonel's Review, is the second of two rehearsals for the queen's birthday festivities.

William and his new wife,



Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge leaves Buckingham Palace on horseback on his way to Horseguards Parade to take part in the Colonel's Review in London Saturday June 4, 2011.

formally known as the Duchess of Cambridge, plan to visit Canada and California in late June and early July.

They will visit several cities in Canada from June 30 to July 8, traveling throughout much of Canada on their first official over-

seas trip as a married couple.

They also plan a stop in Los Angeles and the surrounding area from July 8-10.

Fire destroys country star Trace Adkins' home



BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP)—Country music star Trace Adkins lost his home to a fire Saturday afternoon.

Adkins' spokeswoman said in a statement to The Associated Press that the singer and actor was headed to Alaska to perform when his house caught fire. He was on his way back to Tennessee late Saturday. His

wife, Rhonda, and their daughters were not injured.

Fire officials told The Tennessean newspaper that Adkins' home in this suburb south of Nashville was a total loss. The blaze was reported at 3:35 p.m. and firefighters responded within minutes.

"Trace wishes to express his gratitude for the immediate re-

sponse of the Brentwood Fire Department and is humbled by the outpouring of concern from friends and fans." Adkins spokeswoman Tiffany Shipp said in an email.

Adkins is scheduled to play the CMA Music Festival next Saturday.

D'Onofrio in Utah to raise money for officers

PROVO, Utah (AP)—Vincent D'Onofrio is visiting Utah to drum up financial support for his real-life heroes: public safety workers who have been exposed to toxins from methamphetamine labs while on duty.

The "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" star's visit coincides with Saturday's "Ride for a Hero." The motorcycle ride originating in American Fork benefits police officers, firefighters and military personnel who have been sickened by exposure to toxic chemicals.

The fundraising event sponsored by the Utah Meth Cops Project is designed to help victims undergo a \$5,200-per-person detoxification program.

D'Onofrio portrays a police investigator on the USA Network show. He says 92 people have undergone the program in Utah since it began in 2007 and the recovery rate is 100 percent.

He says he hopes to raise public awareness about their plight.

Bit actor in 'Hangover' faces Las Vegas sex charge

LAS VEGAS (AP)—A bit actor who played a Las Vegas police officer on the TV series "CSI" faces charges of repressing that role to coerce a woman into sex in a Sin City hotel room.

Douglas Brian Irvin Jr., who also played a hotel guest in the 2009 film "The Hangover," responded to an ad for a \$180 sensual body rub and asked a masseuse to come to his room at the Hooters Casino Hotel on May 15, police said.

The woman said Irvin began to touch her sexually against her will and offered her \$10,000 for sex. She told detectives she agreed, but she wanted the money up front.

Irvin then is accused of pulling out a laminated identification card that said "police" and telling her that she would be arrested unless she had sex with

him for free. He told her that he was a vice detective and that "she was in lot of trouble," according to an arrest report.

The woman said his demeanor was "very cop-like" and she believed he was a real detective, so she agreed to have sex to avoid being arrested, the report added.

Irvin, who is 32, was booked Thursday into the Clark County Detention Center on charges of impersonating an officer, oppression under color of law, and sexual assault and coercion, the Las Vegas Review-Journal and Las Vegas Sun reported. He was being held without bail. Detectives located Irvin on Thursday after he met his parole officer. His criminal history wasn't immediately known.

Police said he gave several different accounts, including that the sex was consensual.

Irvin denied impersonating a police officer, but authorities found a laminated police identification card on him, the report said. Police said they also checked his cellphone and found several photos of him in police uniforms and a photo of a police ID card identifying him as a "special agent."

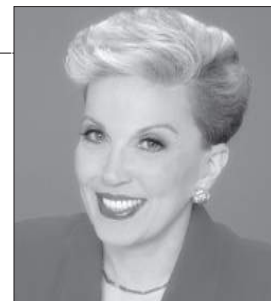
He told police the photos were from his roles in movies and television. Irvin also played an FBI agent in the 2008 video release "Stargate: The Ark of Truth" and an intern on three episodes of the medical drama "ER," according to the Internet Movie Database.

A police spokesman didn't immediately return a phone call Saturday concerning a request to talk to Irvin.

He was scheduled to appear in court Tuesday.

Woman who won't keep track of time isn't worth man's future

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a seven-year relationship with "Maddy," which will probably end soon because she can't seem to stick to any kind of routine. Maddy is in her mid-30s, the youngest in a large family, and grew up without any kind of responsibilities. She's always misplacing and losing things—watches, cameras, jewelry, etc. Her mail goes unopened and her bills get paid late even though she has plenty of money.

Maddy thinks I'm "controlling" because I get frustrated when we have to be somewhere at a specified time and she's always late. I think she's selfish to put her needs ahead of everyone else's. There's always an excuse; it's always someone's fault, never hers.

In my line of work, if I have a meeting to attend, I arrive on time. Maddy thinks that unless it's her boss telling her what time to be at a meeting, everything else is when she "gets to it." I have planned entire weekends with dinner reservations and events scheduled and let her know what time we need to leave. When the time comes, she's not even packed yet. Worse, she can't understand my irritation. Is this relationship worth saving—or my sanity?

LOSING PATIENCE IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

DEAR LOSING PATIENCE: Maddy must have many amazingly good qualities for you to have tolerated her lack of organization and consideration for others this long. Because you have let her know how you feel about it and nothing has changed, it's time to accept that no changes will be forthcoming. My advice is to save your sanity. You'll be happier and less frustrated if you find someone more like yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I have noticed over the past few decades that fewer and fewer people have heroes (I mean real heroes, not celebrities who are famous for being famous). I'd love to hear from your readers about who their heroes are and why. These heroes should not be family members, but someone outside the family—a teacher, doctor, artist, writer, mentor, statesperson, etc.

Without positive role models to emulate, it's no wonder the majority of our young people are losing their way.

ALISON IN ASHLAND, ORE.

DEAR ALISON: While I do not agree that the majority of our young people have "lost their way," I do think you have posed an interesting challenge. Readers, if you'd care to chime in, I'm sure it would make an inspiring column.

I would nominate the New York City police and firefighters who searched for survivors after 9/11, the reporters at the New Orleans Times-Picayune who stayed at their posts to report the news after the terrible flood that decimated their city, and the men and women in our military who put themselves at risk in service to our country.

DEAR ABBY: I need your help with a problem I'm having with my husband, "Fred." He is very territorial over his laptop and other personal items such as his phone. It is so bad that I'm not even allowed to hold his phone—even if he is trying to show me a video on it. His laptop is password-protected.

I have asked Fred numerous times why so much privacy, and he says, "Because these things are mine." I feel as if he is hiding something. I know I shouldn't be paranoid, but since he was unfaithful in the past, I have my suspicions. Please let me know what I can do to solve this.

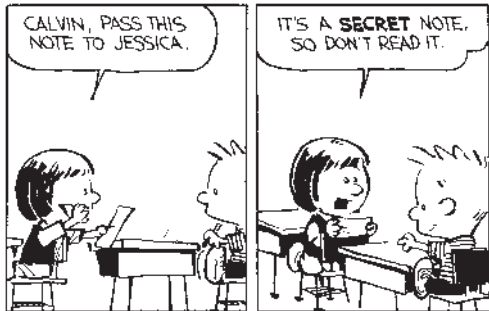
LEFT OUT IN LITTLE ROCK

DEAR LEFT OUT: Did you and Fred have marital counseling after his infidelity? If not, you should have. If you did, you both need more. Your husband's behavior also makes me suspect he may be trying to hide something that could embarrass him if you were to get your hands on the phone or have access to his password. Insist on marriage counseling or your suspicions will only increase—and rightly so.

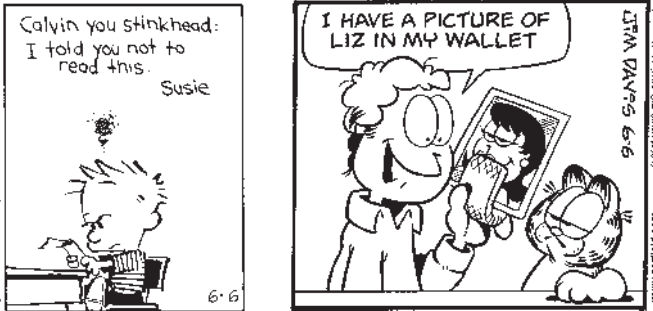
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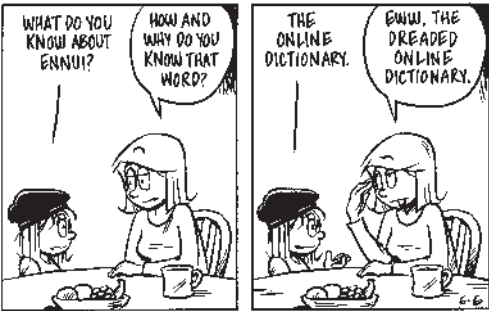


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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Natalie Morales, 39; Staci Keanan, 36; Paul Giamatti, 44; Max Casella, 44

Happy Birthday: Taking a risk is out of the question. You should be securing your assets and preparing for the future. Change is good, but it has to be for the right reason. Budget wisely this year and you will reap the rewards in years to come. Your numbers are 4, 6, 10, 22, 29, 33, 45

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Develop your skills and you can turn what you have to offer into a profitable endeavor. Youngsters and friends will play a role in the decisions you make. Resolve situations that have been keeping you awake at night. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't let anyone bait you into an argument. Be a silent observer if you don't want to fall behind with your chores. Making assumptions will lead to costly mistakes. Get your facts and figures straight. ★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Now is the time to turn on your charm and show how capable, knowledgeable and prepared you are to clear up unfinished jobs. Personal conversations will help to establish what you expect from the people you live or share your private life with. Avoid gossip. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be pressured to take on a chore that isn't your cup of tea. Before you say yes to avoid conflict, consider the task. It may be better to say no and walk away, even if you make an enemy. ★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't let anything hang over your head. Face emotional situations and you will avoid a misunderstanding. Communicate openly and honestly in order to get your point across. ★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Plan to take a short trip or engage in an event that ensures you have a good time and meet interesting people. Your most recent decisions can make a difference to where you go and what you do in the future. Listen, observe and learn. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take action and get the things you want done out of the way. This is your chance to impress everyone with your talents and skills. Fundraising, volunteer work or lending a helping hand will make you feel good. Don't let anyone take advantage of you financially or emotionally. ★★★★★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Go over every possibility and review the past so you don't make similar mistakes. Impulsive actions will be your downfall. Know what you are up against and don't be afraid to take your time, even if someone is pressuring you. ★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Nothing will be simple, especially if you are indecisive. Take care of any responsibilities before you venture into new territory. A unique approach to the way you handle your personal relationships will get the help needed. ★★★★★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend more time with family or on projects that will make your home more comfortable

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Holland, Rangers shut down Indians



CLEVELAND (AP)—Derek

Holland pitched his second career shutout as the in-form Texas Rangers beat the Cleveland Indians 4-0 in Saturday's clash of American League divisional leaders.

Holland (5-1) struck out five in his first shutout since 2009 and Texas recorded its seventh win in eight games.

Josh Hamilton and Nelson Cruz each hit two-run homers, with both going long on consecutive nights for the Rangers, who have won 15 of the past 18 meetings against the Indians and 10 of 11 at Progressive Field.

Cleveland has lost a season-worst five straight at home.

Both homers came off Fausto Carmona (3-7), who hasn't won in a month and is 0-4 in his past six starts.



Texas Rangers starting pitcher Derek Holland is congratulated by teammates Josh Hamilton, left, and David Murphy after pitching a complete game shut out and beating the Cleveland Indians, 4-0, in a baseball game in Cleveland on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

Yankees 3, Angels 2

In Anaheim, C.C. Sabathia came within one out of his second complete game in three starts, pitching New York to victory over Los Angeles.

Sabathia (7-3) allowed two runs and one walk while striking out three. He has won his past four starts, tying his longest career winning streak.

Alex Rodriguez hit a two-run homer and Robinson Cano also went deep for New York. The two RBIs increased A-Rod's total to 1,864, tying Mel Ott for ninth place on the all-time list. Derek Jeter was 1 for 3 with a walk, tying Sam Rice for 28th on the career hit list.

Mariano Rivera recorded his 15th save in 18 chances. It was Rivera's 1,003rd career appearance, overtaking former Yankees Hall of Fame closer Goose Gossage for 14th place all-time.

Angels starter Ervin Santana (3-5) allowed three runs in seven innings.

Rays 3, Mariners 2

In Seattle, Jeremy Hellickson pitched neatly into the eighth inning to lead Tampa Bay to victory over Seattle.

Hellickson (7-3) allowed one run over 7 1-3 innings, improving to 6-1 with a 1.74 ERA in his past seven starts. He continued on with the form that saw him recognized as AL pitcher of the month for May.

Joel Peralta replaced Hellickson in the eighth and yielded a two-run homer, cutting Tampa Bay's lead to 3-2. But Peralta induced a fly out to end the inning and Kyle Farnsworth finished for his 11th save in 12 chances.

Tampa Bay scored three times in the second inning against Doug Fister (3-6).

Red Sox 9, Athletics 8, 14 innings

In Boston, J.D. Drew singled in Carl Crawford with two outs in the 14th inning, giving Boston a

tight win over Oakland.

Crawford had four hits and drove in three runs and Adrian Gonzalez had a solo homer and three hits for the Red Sox.

Boston closer Jonathan Papelbon gave up a four-run lead in the ninth to blow his save and Oakland went ahead in the top of the 11th but Andrew Bailey couldn't hold it and the Athletics lost their fifth straight.

Alfredo Aceves (3-1) pitched four innings for the win. Guillermo Moscoso (2-1) got the loss.

Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek and Papelbon were ejected in the ninth.

Tigers 4, White Sox 2

In Chicago, Miguel Cabrera hit a tiebreaking two-run homer with two out in the ninth inning, lifting Detroit over Chicago.

Austin Jackson opened the ninth with a triple against Jesse Crain (2-2), who nearly wriggled out of the jam. After a pop up and a strikeout, Cabrera hit a pitch over the right-field fence to put the Tigers ahead 4-2.

Jose Valverde retired the White Sox in the bottom half of the ninth for his 15th save in 15 chances. After a lead-off walk, Valverde set down the next three batters to end the game.

Jackson had three hits and scored twice for the Tigers, while Justin Verlander (6-3) allowed two runs in eight innings to improve to 7-0 with a 2.06 ERA in his past seven starts against Chicago, who lost their first game in five.

Orioles 5, Blue Jays 3

In Baltimore, Mark Reynolds hit a grand slam to power Baltimore past Toronto.

With the Orioles trailing 3-1 in the sixth, Reynolds hit the first pitch from Ricky Romero

(5-5) into the left-center stands for his eighth homer of the season and the first slam of his career in 2,166 at-bats.

Baltimore starter Jake Arrieta (7-3) allowed five hits in six innings, retiring his last seven batters. Kevin Gregg allowed two hits in the ninth, but retired the final two batters for his 10th save in 13 chances.

Twins 7, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Alexi Casilla matched a career best with four hits and drove in two runs, helping Minnesota beat Kansas City and record a third straight win, equaling a season high.

Casilla stroked RBI singles in the third and seventh innings.

Twins starter Nick Blackburn (5-4) allowed two runs but departed after five innings and 80 pitches with back tightness.

Kansas City starter Luke Hochevar (3-6) gave up six runs

in six-plus innings. The Royals dropped to a season-low eight games below .500.

Brewers 3, Marlins 2

In Miami, Prince Fielder hit his 13th homer of the season to help the Milwaukee Brewers to a win over the Florida Marlins.

Yuniesky Betancourt hit a tiebreaking RBI double in Milwaukee's two-run seventh inning.

Milwaukee's Yovani Gallardo (8-2) pitched six effective innings to win his sixth consecutive start. John Axford pitched the ninth for his 15th save in 17 opportunities.

Marlins starter Chris Volstad (2-5) gave up six hits in seven innings. He is 0-4 with a 5.87 ERA in his past seven starts.

Pirates 6, Phillies 3

In Pittsburgh, the hosts sent Philadelphia to its fourth con-

secutive loss.

Andrew McCutchen and Lyle Overbay each had three hits and Brandon Wood homered for Pittsburgh, which could complete a sweep of first-place Philadelphia on Sunday to reach .500.

Pirates starter Charlie Morton (6-) pitched seven solid innings, giving up two runs with five strikeouts, as his trademark sinker induced 11 groundball outs to only two outfield putouts.

Rockies 2, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Troy Tulowitzki had three hits and drove in a run to help Colorado defeat San Francisco.

Rockies starter Jhoulys Chacin (6-4) pitched six effective innings, ceding only one run.

The Giants lost their first game in four, with starter Madison Bumgarner (2-7) yielding seven hits over seven innings.

Mets 5, Braves 0

In New York, Dillon Gee out-pitched Jair Jurrjens to remain unbeaten this season and steer New York past Atlanta.

Gee (6-0) won his fourth straight start, needing only 85 pitches to get through seven innings before he was lifted for a pinch-hitter.

Jose Reyes hit a bases-loaded triple for the Mets while Jason Pridie snapped a scoreless tie with an RBI single in the seventh as the Mets took advantage of an error to score five times in the inning.

Cardinals 5, Cubs 4, 12 innings

In St. Louis, Albert Pujols hit his second homer of the game with two outs in the 12th inning to give St. Louis victory over Chicago.

Pujols went long off Jeff Samardzija (3-2) for his ninth game-ending homer of his career and first since 2009.

St. Louis relievers retired 17

in a row to end it, with Eduardo Sanchez (2-1) striking out two in two perfect innings. The Cubs didn't get a hit after the seventh.

Diamondbacks 2, Nationals 0

In Phoenix, Joe Saunders escaped two early jams to go seven innings and help Arizona shut out Washington for the second straight game.

Stephen Drew and Xavier Nady drove in runs with extra-base hits off Livan Hernandez (3-7), which was more than enough for Saunders (3-5) to get the win. He retired his final 14 batters.

Dodgers 11, Reds 8, 11 innings

In Cincinnati, Matt Kemp hit a tying grand slam in the eighth inning for his second homer of the game and Los Angeles went on to beat Cincinnati in 11 innings.

Jamey Carroll singled in the go-ahead run in the 11th with his fourth hit. It started a four-run rally off Carlos Fisher (0-3). Aaron Miles also singled home a run, and Fisher's throwing error helped the Dodgers pull away. Kemp finished it with a run-scoring forceout for his career-high sixth RBI.

Padres 6, Astros 3

In San Diego, Aaron Harang pitched into the seventh inning to lead San Diego past Houston, giving the Padres back-to-back home wins for the first time all season.

Harang (6-2), who joined his hometown Padres in the offseason, matched his win total from each of his last three seasons with Cincinnati, when he struggled due to back spasms. He held the Astros to two runs in 6 2-3 innings.

Brad Hawpe had a two-run double for San Diego, which has reached at least six runs at home for only the third time this season.

Goodell: Both sides now committed to reaching deal



FORT BRAGG, N.C. (AP)—NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell will spend the weekend

preparing for the next set of negotiations, energized by this week's secret talks that he believes show both sides are committed to ending the labor dispute.

While the owners and players spent Friday in a St. Louis courtroom arguing over the legality of the lockout, Goodell visited with troops at a U.S. Army base in North Carolina with Carolina Panthers coach Ron Rivera.

At the end of a long day at Fort Bragg that included trying on—but not using—a parachute, Goodell took questions from soldiers before telling reporters

there's some reason for optimism following the talks in Chicago.

"The importance is to have the principles talk," Goodell said. "That's what we were interested in doing, have the owners and players talk to one another. That was accomplished this week. ... That's a positive sign for us."

Goodell was far from specific—he wouldn't say when the next round of talks would be held or if the owners will be preparing another offer—but acknowledged both sides showed a willingness to work toward a deal.

He wouldn't say how the two sides would compromise on the stumbling blocks in the negotiations, mostly notably how to divvy up \$9 billion in

annual revenue.

"I would just tell you that both sides are committed to continuing the dialogue," Goodell said. "In negotiations, you're making different suggestions, recommendations and proposals from time to time. I think both sides will do that in a responsible fashion."

Goodell agreed that having the lawyers absent and the players and owners meeting directly—Rivera acknowledged Panthers owner Jerry Richardson was there—helped get the talks rolling.

"I still believe principle to principle is the best way to really get the kind of dialogue you need so people understand the different perspectives," Goodell said.

But time is running out. Already free agency has been delayed, minicamps canceled and optional workouts put on hold. Training camps are scheduled to open next month.

Goodell wasn't spared from the fans' frustrations at Fort Bragg. One soldier accused the owners of being the players' "No. 1 distraction" and asked Goodell, "Where's the passion, the love of game?"

"I understand the frustration and criticism because people want football," Goodell said. "You hear that everywhere you go. I heard that all day today. That's what we're in the business of doing. You have to make sure you're taking the right steps, though, to protect the game for a long-term basis."

Heat shake off collapse, say they're up for Game 3

DALLAS (AP)—After two days of intense film study and painstaking analysis of the final 14 possessions in their end-of-game collapse in Game 2 of the NBA finals, the Miami Heat finally came up with the reason why.

It wasn't a highly technical reason.

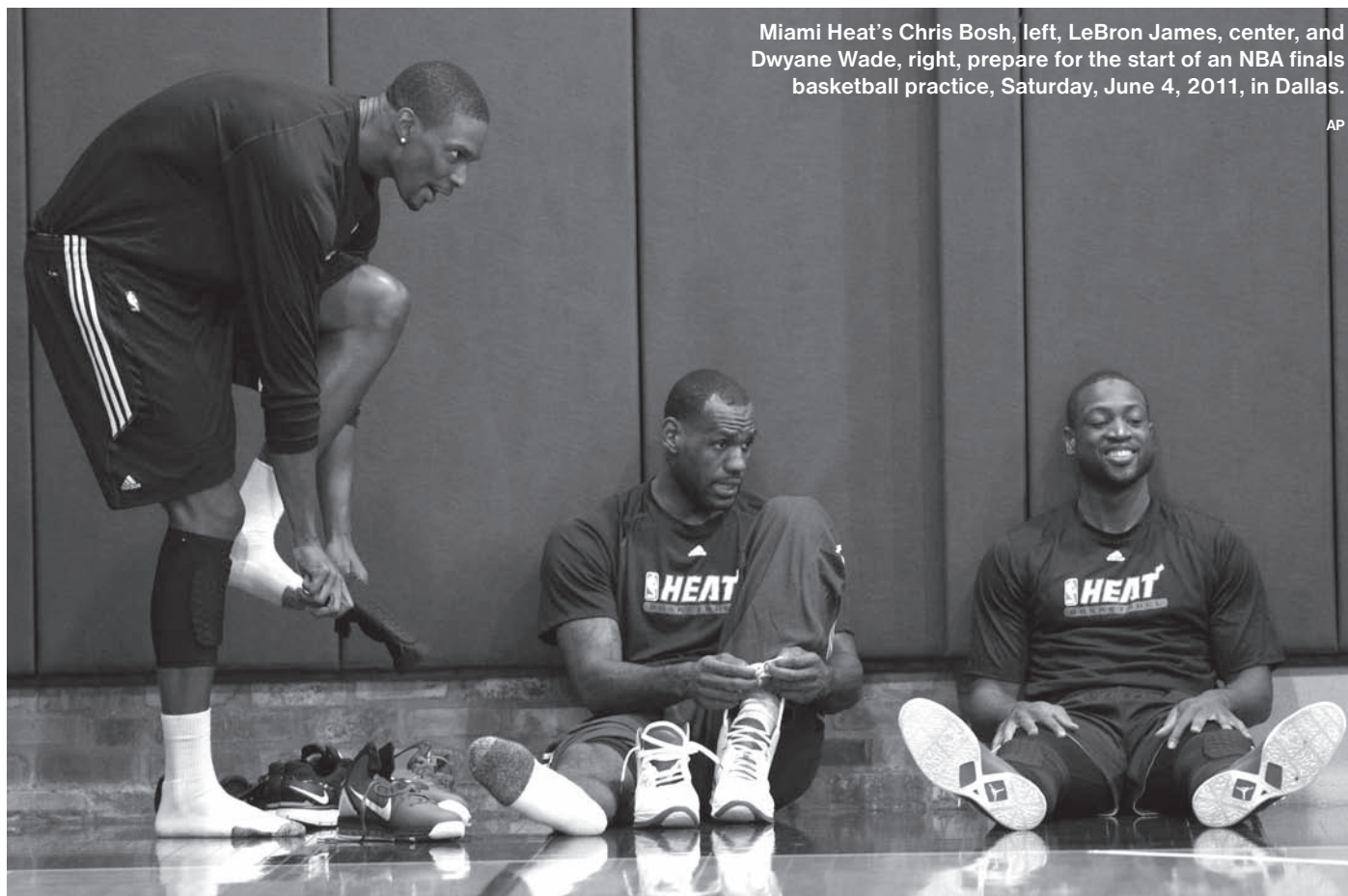
"We let one go," Dwyane Wade said.

And entering Game 3 of the NBA finals, the Heat will try to let Game 2 go again. The way Miami sees it, carrying over the stigma of that loss—one of the worst late-game collapses in finals history—would only doom them again Sunday night when the scene shifts to steamy Dallas for the first of three games on the Mavericks' home floor.

Dallas rallied from 15 points down in the final 7 minutes to beat Miami in Game 2, outscoring the Heat 22-5 to finish the game and knot the series. Thanks to that win, Mavs' fans still may see another NBA championship celebration, only this time, by the Western Conference champions and not a Heat team that hoisted a trophy at Dallas after the 2006 finals.

"In the playoffs, it's a win or a loss. However it comes by, it's a win or a loss," Heat forward LeBron James said. "We've moved on from Game 2, seen the mistakes we've made. Seen some of the great things we've done as well. It's a win or loss. The series is tied 1-1. We never get too high or too low in the series. We haven't gotten too high or low in the regular season as well."

Game 3 is crucial for so many obvious reasons, like the Heat wanting not to deal with another stumble and the Mavericks want-



Miami Heat's Chris Bosh, left, LeBron James, center, and Dwyane Wade, right, prepare for the start of an NBA finals basketball practice, Saturday, June 4, 2011, in Dallas.

ing to keep momentum rolling and retain home-court advantage. Statistically, there's proof that it's a Texas-sized swing game as well. Since the NBA went to the 2-3-2 format for the finals, teams have now split the first two games 12 times. In the previous 11, the winner of Game 3 has always gone on to win the championship. Big whoop, both teams said in response to that one.

"We just can't let up. We're not good enough to just relax," said Mavericks forward Dirk Nowitzki, who led Dallas' late-game charge in Game 2 at Miami. "We need to play with an edge at all times in every game. So hopefully (Sunday), with the crowd behind us, we're going to

have a great game. Just looking at this one game."

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra was more succinct.

"I think both teams have bucked a lot of those numbers and odds up to this point already," he said. "We're a non-traditional team."

Maybe that's one of the reasons why the Heat were so loose Saturday.

Players arrived at the arena around noon, most with headphones on as they walked off the bus, bobbing heads in time with the music and nodding to people as they walked by. James and Wade were chatting and laughing, a few players checked out the turf that would host an

Arena Football League game later Saturday night and some stretched their arms to tap the goalposts as they walked across the floor where a basketball court will be Sunday.

The mood couldn't have been more different from when they walked off the floor in Miami on Thursday, stunned by what just happened.

"We're coming home, but we know that's no guarantee of anything," Mavericks coach Rick Carlisle said. "We've lost at home this year in the playoffs. Now Miami has as well. The venue has significance, but it never guarantees anyone anything. ... The mistake that we're not going to make is feel

like coming home is going to be something that helps get us over the hump. It's not going to be like that. Both these teams are too good of road teams."

Including the playoffs, the Mavericks have won 34 road games this season, tops in the NBA. Miami ranks second with 32.

The Heat also haven't lost consecutive games since early March, winning after all six of their most recent losses by an average of 11.7 points. And in their last 24 games away from home, they're 17-7.

All good signs for Miami now, given that if it doesn't win one of the next three in Dallas, the season will end here.

"We've been a pretty resilient bunch all year," Heat forward Udonis Haslem said. "We've bounced back every time we've been knocked down. I'm expecting the same thing with this situation."

There's stats the Mavs can point to as ones they like as well, including one that seems particularly significant: Miami rarely wins in Dallas, period.

Dallas has won 12 of the last 14 meetings between the teams at home, six of those coming in single-digit games. Of course, one of those two exceptions was the last time the Mavericks hosted a finals game, June 20, 2006, when Jason Terry missed a potentially game-tying 3-pointer, Wade got the rebound, threw the ball skyward as time expired and Miami prevailed 95-92.

"We're looking at Game 3. That's the only thing on our mind right now," Terry said. "We're at home. What does that mean? It means our building is going to be crazy. We're going to play with a lot of energy. Some of those shots we're missing better go down. That's what home court is all about."

The series is even.

So, too, was the level of confidence both sides were showing Saturday.

Come late Sunday night, neither of those statements will keep ringing true.

"I know I'm excited for the game tomorrow," James said before Miami's workout session on Saturday. "It hurt. We had time to let it hurt us as much as it could yesterday after the game. But today is a new day. And we're back and focused. We're a confident bunch. Me personally, I'm looking forward to the challenge. It's going to be fun."

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP)—Steve Stricker holed out from the fairway for one of his two eagles Saturday, wound up with a 3-under 69 on a steamy afternoon at Muirfield Village and finished with a three-shot lead in the Memorial.

He still had to convince himself it was a good day.

Right when it looked as though Stricker might leave everyone in his wake, he missed a 4-foot birdie putt on the 14th hole that threw his round into reverse. He made bogey on the par-5 15th. He missed a 4-foot par putt on the 16th, and had a 7-foot birdie on the next hole catch the lip. And when he arrived to his ball in the middle of the 18th fairway, it was right in the middle of a sand-filled divot.

Stricker managed to save par on the last hole, and perspective soon followed.

"All of a sudden, things seemed pretty hard, when at the start of the day, things were really going my way," he said. "But I understand that, and I understand that's the nature of this game. So you add them up

Stricker takes 3-shot lead at Memorial

at the end, and it was a 69. And it was a good score."

The score that matters is 12-under 204, which was three shots clear of Jonathan Byrd.

Byrd, who won the season-opener at Kapalua after playing in the final group with Stricker, hit his approach into 2 feet on the final hole for a birdie at a 69. Perhaps most significant to Byrd was that he didn't drop a lot of shots down the stretch as so many others did. Byrd's only blunder came on the par-5 11th, where he made his only bogey in his last 43 holes.

"I'm doing everything pretty well," Byrd said.

Matt Kuchar was the only player who seemed capable of keeping up with Stricker in the early going, but he dropped two shots in his last four holes and had to settle for a 68. That put him in a tie for third with Brandt Jobe (69), four shots behind.

Rory McIlroy is still in the hunt.

Despite a sloppy double bogey on the par-3 fourth, the

22-year-old from Northern Ireland rolled in a long eagle putt on the 15th and wound up with a 71. McIlroy was 10 shots behind with six holes to play, and now is within five shots of the lead going to Sunday.

"Even though I didn't play my best stuff today, I'm still in a decent position going into tomorrow," McIlroy said. "And that's all you can ask for."

He was at 7-under 209, along with former PGA champion Shaun Micheel (67) and Mark Wilson, who shot 66 despite a bogey on the final hole and will be trying to win for the third time this year.

Luke Donald, in his debut as No. 1 in the world, might only have a shot at his 10th consecutive top-10 finish in worldwide golf. Donald tried to stay in the picture until making a few bogeys down the stretch, as so many others did. He shot a 73 and was eight shots behind in a tie for 17th.

Four-time major champion Phil Mickelson finished with two birdies for a 72 and was 10 shots behind.

Stricker holed out for eagle from 113 yards on the second hole, made another eagle with a 3-iron into 6 feet on the par-5 fifth and looked as though he might run away from the field when he rolled in a 25-foot birdie putt on the par-3 eighth.

It all changed with the short putt he missed on the 14th.

"Just missing that putt, and then sitting down at 15 tee, not getting going after that miss," he said. "The whole back nine seemed to kind of drag on a little bit. We waited a lot, it seemed like. I started missing some putts. Things seemed a little bit more difficult. My lies all of a sudden turned out to be a little more difficult."

He led by six shots until he finally got the 15th tee and pulled his tee shot into the left rough, then hit the next one into

mangled grass in a hazard that forced him to chip out sideways. That began the slow slide back to the field, but not all the way back.

Stricker still leads by three shots as he goes for a 10th career victory, and a chance to go to No. 4 in the world and be the highest-ranked American for the first time in his career.

An amazing start gave Stricker strokes to burn toward the end of his round.

After an 8-footer to save par from a bunker on the opening hole, Stricker had 113 yards on No. 2. He reached into his pocket for a tee to clean out a chunk of dirt in his 53-degree wedge, set up over the ball and hit a perfect shot that spun into the cup for an eagle. Three holes later, he hit 3-iron over the water with just enough draw to catch the ridge and settled 6 feet away for another eagle.

Going back to the second round, it was his third eagle in seven holes. And he became only the 13th player on the

PGA Tour since 1983 to make an eagle on a par 3, par 4 and par 5 in the same tournament.

He had it going so well that his lone bogey on the front nine came on a shot that was about a yard away from being an easy birdie, his wedge just hopping into a buried lie beyond the green instead of rolling down the ridge. But he answered with an 8-foot birdie on the seventh, and a 25-foot birdie on the eighth to go out in 31.

Staked to a five-shot lead on the back nine, however, Stricker began looking tentative, and the short birdie miss on the 14th seemed to drain him of energy, not to mention momentum.

Kuchar made six birdies on the front nine and went out in 31 to try to stay in range of Stricker. But he also took bogey on the 15th, then went long on the 18th and missed a 6-foot par putt to fall back.

"A little disheartening," Kuchar said. "Stricker was matching me shot-for-shot out there. I felt like I really had it going, and a little disappointing to drop a couple coming in. But it's a tough golf course."



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Sublemente

Butch tops Lung Buster MTB

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As expected, XTERRA World-bound Butch Sublemente ruled the Mt. Tapochau Bike Club's Lung Buster Bike Race, completing yesterday's championship course race in less than an hour. Sublemente timed in at 59 minutes and 41 seconds and was greeted by sports course

finishers, who all agreed that the Pacific Islands Club employee will top the MTB race. The only debate among the participating bikers was if Sublemente can make it to the finish line before the one-hour mark.

The eventual champion indeed made it, becoming the lone rider to complete the race from the Commonwealth Health Center upper parking lot to the pave parking lot at Mt. Tapochau in less than an hour.

Runner-up Ken Pierson timed in at 1:11:43, while Noel Altamirano clocked in at 1:18:46 to complete the Top 3. Six other bikers joined the championship course race.

The win in yesterday's MTBC-organized race was second for Sublemente, as he also dominated the Round the Crown Bike Race for Japan Relief in April with a time of 56:17.

However, Sublemente admitted the Lung Buster was tougher

than the Round the Crown, as it rained over the weekend, making the trails muddy.

"It was slippery out there. If you're not familiar with the course and you don't have the technical know how to pass through it, you'll crash. I didn't, as I had been to the course in the past, having competed in XTERRA Championship for years," Sublemente said.

In the shorter sport course, Gary Bandoja and Charlie Sendin

tied for first with identical times of 36:00, while youth rider Erico Castro came in next at 41:31.

Six other bikers joined the sport course race, which had riders heading out to Galaide Road, then to Mt. Tapochau Road, Lamar trail and back to Galaide Road for a left turn downhill and to finish line at the bottom of Mt. Tapochau Road. Bikers in the championship course climbed up to Mt. Tapochau Road, then to 'Bitch' (XTERRA full course), Sound of Music trail, Lamar trail, and Galaide Road, and turned left downhill for the finish line.

Smart Cagers hand Sonics first loss

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IT&E's Smart Cagers pulled off an upset over erstwhile leader Sonics, 73-66, in last Friday's QQ Car Rental Basketball Cup Invitational League matchup at the Garapan Basketball Court.

The loss was Sonics first in five games, giving Blue Haus (5-0) the solo lead, while Smart Cagers improved to a 4-2 record and are tied for third place with Mobil and Ferrera Builders. Completing the standings are Konflikt Ali'i (2-4), Rollers-Madness (1-4), Rollers-Happiness (0-5), and Prospects (0-5).

Konflikt Ali'i's game against Prospects was rained out with only 2:30 remaining in the second match and the former ahead, 75-67.

In the curtain-raiser, Smart Cagers were behind by nine after the first period, 15-24, and were still down at the half, 38-40, before they made a big third-quarter

push to grab the lead, 64-57, heading into the final quarter.

Smart Cagers nailed a trio of treys in the second quarter to get back in the game and Pete Iguel led the third quarter charge with 10 markers.

Points were hard to come by in the final period as Smart Cagers and the Sonics managed only nine points apiece at crunch time.

In the end, Darwin Barbo's five pressured free throws seal the deal for Smart Cagers. Errol Peredo led Smart Cagers with 16 points, the same markers Pete Lizama had for the Sonics.

The QQ Cup continues tonight with Blue Haus facing the Builders tonight at 6pm and Mobil taking on Rollers-Madness at 8pm.

IT&E Smart Cagers 73 — Peredo 16, Barbo 14, Iguel 14, Montano 11, Ngeskebei 8, De Dios 6, Manolo 4.

Sonics 66 — Lizama 16, Bahillo 12, Pagarao 12, Santos 7, Camacho 5, Hernandez 5, Eclevia 5, Wong 5, Chan 2

Scoring by quarters: 15-24, 38-40, 64-57, 73-66.

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Ryuto and Kaito Yanai, Ryo-sei Toda, Angel Tan, Kensuke Kimura, and Kai Staal at the awards presentation.

Ryuto Yanai's records in the boys U8 division are in the 50m freestyle (36.18 seconds), 100m freestyle (1:17.86), 200m freestyle (2:50.52), 50m breaststroke (46.53 seconds), and 50m butterfly (38.68 seconds), while Kaito owns the 11 to 12 mark in the 200m breaststroke (2:54.04).

Tan is also in the 11 to 12 age group and has records in the 50m breaststroke (39.06 seconds), 200m breaststroke (2:59.37),

and 400m IM (6:01.04).

Kensuke made seven records for the 2010-2011 season in the boys 13 to 14 age group: 1,500m freestyle (18:14.65); 50m backstroke (32.35 seconds); 100m backstroke (1:08.58); 200m backstroke (2:26.35); 50m breaststroke (35.18 seconds); 200m IM (2:25.69); and 400m IM (5:09.93).

Staal recorded both the CNMI national and age group (15 to 16 division) marks in the 50m backstroke (29.50 seconds), 50m freestyle (24.76 seconds) and 50m butterfly (27.87 seconds).

Besides the record holders, Tsunami Saipan recognized other swimmers and the complete list will be published in *Saipan Tribune's* Tuesday edition.

teamed up with Arkie Reusora in coaching the Rays.

The Manta Rays are composed of Park, Lim, Lee, Jung, Ji Hyun Kim, Weilly Brana, Sang Woo Han, Ihanito Tiamzan, Eric Devin Atalig, Raphael Zapanta, Mike Vargas, Yong Jun Jeon, Joshua Lim, Kyung Chan Choi, and goalie Don Cabrera.

Park, Atalig, Brana, Cabrera, and Kim were members of last year's champion squad.

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"Kagman really showed up to play tonight and stunned us a little in the first half, but our guys did not give up and played great team soccer after regrouping at halftime. I'm very proud of them and I think they really deserved it for playing great all season," said Eric Cooke, who

IT&E badminton tourney draws 108 entries

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The 2011 IT&E Singles/Doubles Badminton Tournament kicked off Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex with 108 singles and doubles entries competing in the annual event.

The men's singles B2 and C divisions drew the most participants with 10 apiece. Leading the men's singles B2 field are Rodwealth Espana, Alvin Alvarez, Chris Hilario, Jorge Olanda, Nar-lou Achas, Wowie Abuel, Vic Regis, Ezekiel Macario, Oh Inbog, and Roger Vales. The men's C singles have Joel Ortega, Park Sang do, Daniel Choi, Jerome Malasarte, Mahesh Balakrishnan, Panapa, Luis Camacho, Mark Puno, Lee Choon Hee, and Rick Brien.

The men's B1 singles will be a battle among eight players: Edwin Montoya, Mario Diola, Saul Gargallo, Joseph Santos, Eric Pena, Noli Santos, Gary Bandoja, and Jerry Balarao.

Completing the men's singles players were Class A's Dick Guintu, Ferdie Arago, Andrew

Galvez, Wijay Priyawathan, and Mario Diola.

The women's singles A have only four players in Hannah Choi, Loyda and Angie Ito, and Malou Malasarte.

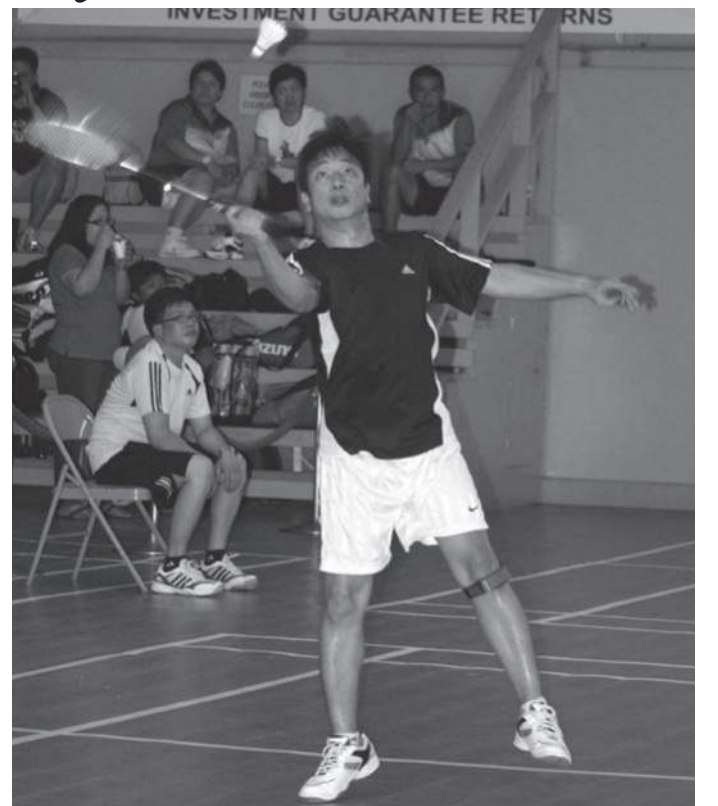
The singles C has the most participants in the women's division with eight. The list includes Alma Ortega, Irish Pagarao, Roma Barlaio, Arlyn Naguit, Kim Boranah, Elna Curate, Rose Lazaro, and Chris Obaldo.

In the women's B singles, the field has Cristy Villaflo, Marylyn Montano, Lanie Bartolome, Michelle Caleon, and Shirley Kim.

In the doubles competition, the men's B division lured the most entries with 12 pairs. Men's A had 10, and men's C drew six tandems.

In the women's division, eight will square off for the men's A doubles crown, while four will fight for the B1 championship. The women's B2 doubles drew five teams, while six pairs entered the women's C doubles division.

Both singles and doubles competitions will have a round-



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Vic Regis returns to Wowie Abuel during their men's singles B game in the IT&E tournament Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

robin format in the elimination round and the Top 4 will advance to the semis. After the semis, only the championship games will be played.

Week 1 of the IT&E tournament had 30 preliminary games scheduled over the weekend, but results of these matches were unavailable at press time.

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a 31-12 edge in winners, and won the last nine points of the match, a run that began when the fifth-seeded Schiavone was flustered by a line call she was sure was wrong.

"China tennis—we're getting bigger and bigger," said Li, who is projected to rise to a career-best No. 4 in Monday's new WTA rankings.

She already was the first woman from that nation of more than 1 billion people to win a WTA singles title, the first to enter the top 10 in the rankings, and the first to make it to a Grand Slam final—she lost to

Kim Clijsters at the Australian Open in January.

Thinking back to that defeat, Li said: "I had no experience. I was very nervous. For my second time in a final, I had the experience. I knew how to do it. And I had more self-confidence."

Tennis is considered an elite sport in China, and while participation is rapidly increasing, it still trails basketball, soccer and table tennis, among others. But Li's victory was big news back home, where the match finished shortly after 11 p.m. local time on a holiday weekend.

State broadcaster CCTV posted the banner, "We love you Li Na," on their gushing coverage, and announcer Tong Kexin

pronounced: "This has left a really deep impression on the world." People at the Green Bank Tennis Club on Beijing's northern edge gathered to eat barbecued food, drink beer and watch the events from Paris on a big-screen TV set up on a court. Some waved Chinese flags during the post-match trophy ceremony.

Li broke away from the Chinese government's sports system in late 2008 under an experimental reform policy for tennis players dubbed "Fly Alone." Li was given the freedom to choose her own coach and schedule and to keep much more of her earnings: Previously, she turned over 65 percent to the authorities; now it's 12 percent. That

comes to about \$205,000 of the \$1.7 million French Open winner's check.

"We took a lot of risks with this reform. When we let them fly, we didn't know if they would succeed. That they have now succeeded, means our reform was correct," said Sun Jinfang, an official with the Chinese Tennis Association. "This reform will serve as a good example for reforms in other sports."

At her news conference, Li wore a new T-shirt with Chinese characters that mean "sport changes everything," and offered thanks to Sun.

"Without her reform, then possibly we wouldn't have achieved this success," Li said.

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surprised to take home the top prize in her reappearance in a Saipan tournament.

"I was a little nervous on the greens and struggled with my putting, which is normally not the way to win events, but fortunately I hit solid drives off the

tee and made a lot of good lay ups today," Kim said.

Other winners in their respective flights were runners-up Lim Enoch Sung Soo (82), Cha Ji Sung (83), Kajumi Matsumoto (86), Nick Sablan (81), and Yuko Togawa (net 71.8) and third placers Leo Ganacias (84), Lee Young Woon (83), John Matsumoto (87), Steve Balakrishna (83), and Matilde

Hocog (net 72.2).

Melvin Grey won the most accurate drive on No. 8 and Manny Mangarero and Kim Sun Suk blasted the longest drives on No. 17. In the closest to the pin contests, the winners were Kang Seung Woo (No. 3), Jack Salas (No. 7), Richard Brooks (No. 12), and Lee Jong Wan (No. 14).

HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa

led the presentation of awards to winners and thanked the golfers, volunteers, and sponsors for their support and for providing various raffle prizes.

Trophies, \$500 cash, and a free night's stay at various HANMI member hotels were given to all top finishers, trophies and \$300 for runners-up; and trophies and \$200 for third placers.

Weekend Sports

Competitions galore

Last week's events were something for the CNMI sports record books, as competitions were all over the Marianas.

Rota hosted the 15th Annual CNMI District Tournament and featured games for Major, Junior, Senior, and Big League divisions. The Saipan All-Stars went on to sweep the four age group contests to earn the right to represent the Commonwealth to the 2011 Asia Pacific Regional Tournament.

On Saipan, seven competitions were held simultaneously in various venues.

At the Kilili Beach, the fifth and final round of the Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization's outrigger canoe race took place with Marianas High School and Saipan Southern

High School winning the overall championship in the boys and girls divisions, respectively.

MISO also had its girls fast-pitch softball championship game last week with Southern beating Kagman High School.

Across the Kilili Beach at the Oleai Sports Complex, Paire Football Club and MP United played in the finals of the NMIFA women's league with the

former escaping with a 2-1 title win.

The Oleai field was also the venue for the 2011 Marianas National Championships where the visiting Guam Central Athletics Club topped 15 of the 30 events scheduled in the two-day event. Home club Cultura Athletics reigned in 10 events.

Over at the southern portion of the island, NMIFA had its spring football festival for U6, U18, and U10 age

groups at the Koblerville Elementary School Field, while U12 teams had their own friendly competition at the Saipan Southern High School Field.

Then at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts, the 2011 DFS Junior Championships concluded with Rafael Jones, Thea Minor, Chris Cajigan, Steven Goodwin, Mikayla Lopez, Tania Tan, Carol Lee, and Michael Ren ruling their respective age groups.

Over at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield, TKK 2 defeated the Koror Tigers in the finals of the Belau softball league.

CNMI swimmers were also in competition mode last week as selected members from Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan and Saipan Swim Club participated and won in the 2011 Guam Championships at the Hagatna Pool.

Back on local events, the Saipan Major League finals cast was completed with the St. Michael Angels taking on the Tan Holdings Brewers after sweeping their separate semis foes.

Other on-going competitions on Saipan continued with the Miller Lite, QQ Cup, and Blu Haus leagues having their regular season games.



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Players in the NMIFA women's league pose for a group photo at the conclusion of the spring season last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



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Carl Dela Cruz, right, serves while teammate Chris Cajigan looks on during their doubles game against Aaron Lee and Daniel Lim in the DFS tournament last week at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.



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Kagman High School paddlers make their turn for the second lap of the 1,500m race during the MISO canoe competition at Kilili Beach last week.



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A Matansa player gets ready to kick the ball during their U8 game against MP United in the NMIFA spring festival last week at the Koblerville Elementary School.



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Tsunami Saipan swimmers pose for a group photo after competing in the 2011 Guam Championships at the Hagatna Pool in Guam last week.



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Guam Central Athletics Club's Jeofry Limtiaco negotiates the last hurdle during the 400m hurdles event in the 2011 Marianas National Championships last week at the Olea Sports Complex Field.



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TKK 2's Julian Camacho, left, and Jerry Ayuyu flash the No. 1 sign moments away from clinching the Belau softball league title against the Koror Tigers last week at the Dandan Elementary School Ballfield.



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Li wins China's first Grand Slam title

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PARIS (AP)—As China's Li Na tossed the ball while serving at match point in the French Open final, a cry from a fan in the stands pierced the silence at Court Philippe Chatrier.

Distracted, Li stopped and let the ball drop. The words of support were in Mandarin: "Jia you!" — which loosely translates to "Let's go!" After so many years of "Come on" and "Allez" and "Vamos," there's a new language on the tennis landscape.



Li became the first Chinese player, man or woman, to win a Grand Slam singles title by beating defending champion Francesca Schiavone of Italy, 6-4, 7-6 (0), at Roland Garros on Saturday. The sixth-seeded Li used powerful groundstrokes to compile

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China's Li Na kisses the cup after defeating Italy's Francesca Schiavone during their women's final match for the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Saturday June 4, 2011 in Paris.

AP



Yi rules HANMI golf tourney



HANMI chair Nick Nishikawa, left, poses with the top flight winners in the 10th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament during Saturday night's awards ceremony at the Saipan Grand Hotel's Sea-side Hall.

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Saipan resident Jason Yi topped the centerpiece Championship Flight of Saturday's 10th Annual HANMI Charity Golf Classic Tournament played at Coral Ocean Point.

Yi started the day on hole No. 10 and ended up with a 2-over par 38 on the back nine. He played better on the front nine with an even par 36 to finish with a 2-over par 74 and this time rule the 12-player Championship Flight. He was runner-up last year.

"Overall, I played pretty

well, but I also think I got a little lucky because the wind may have driven up the scores a little bit," said Yi.

Jeff Taylor finished second with a 78, while Bae Yong Man came out a stroke behind (79) to place third.

Other top finishers in the weekend tournament were A Flight's J.J. Atalig (80), B's John Cepeda (80), C's Suk Joo Park (83), Seniors' Judge Edward Manibusan (76), and Ladies' Leina Kim (net 71.4).

Kim, a sophomore of Colorado State, Pueblo, is on vacation and appeared a little

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Kang is Tsunami's outstanding swimmer

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Lukas Kang joined the elite list of Tsunami Saipan swimmers, as he was named most outstanding swimmer for the 2010-2011 season during the club's recognition ceremony yesterday at the Marianas Resort.

The eight-year-old Kang took the coveted Tsunami Saipan Most Outstanding Swimmer award after posting five CNMI age group marks in the boys U8 division. He holds the CNMI age group records

in the 50m backstroke (40.82 seconds), 100m backstroke (1:26.54), 100m breaststroke (1:40.77), 100m butterfly (1:28.95), and 200m individual medley (3:04.92).

Kang has the most records in the U8 age group, sharing the distinction with teammate Ryuto Yanai. Kang's age group marks were down from six to five when Yanai crushed his 50m breaststroke record (46.53 seconds) just a couple of weeks ago.

For his feat, Kang received a plaque from Tsunami Saipan president Stan Good, who with Northern Marianas Swimming Federation secretary Mark Staal

were present at the ceremony to recognize the club's top performers for the season.

Kang was only the fourth swimmer and the youngest to win the prized award. Rezne Wong was the inaugural recipient of the prestigious plum, taking it in 2008 when he was 17. Kai Staal won in 2009 at 14, while Kaito Yanai brought home the award last year when he was still 10 years old.

Besides the most outstanding swimmer plaque, Kang also received a certificate for logging CNMI age group marks. He joined other CNMI record holders (for the season)

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Members of the Saipan Southern High School boys soccer team smile for the camera after beating Kagman in the finals, 3-1, and clinching back-to-back titles Friday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Southern strikers defend crown

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The Saipan Southern High School Manta Rays clinched back-to-back Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization boys soccer championships after downing the Kagman High School Ayuyus in the finals, 3-1, Friday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Southern fought back from a 0-1 first half deficit, as Kagman took the lead off Ichitaro Faisao's goal late in the 30th minute.

The Rays tied the game off a penalty kick, as Kagman was called for a handball in the 12th minute of the second half. Southern captain Yong Park hit the game-tying penalty kick.

Later in the 27th minute, Southern right midfielder Hae Sung Lee found the back of the net with a header received from a corner kick by Boaz Lim to put the Rays up, 2-1. Then seven minutes later, Joseph Jung scored off a breakaway to seal the deal for Southern. Southern and Kagman played in two 35-minute halves.

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